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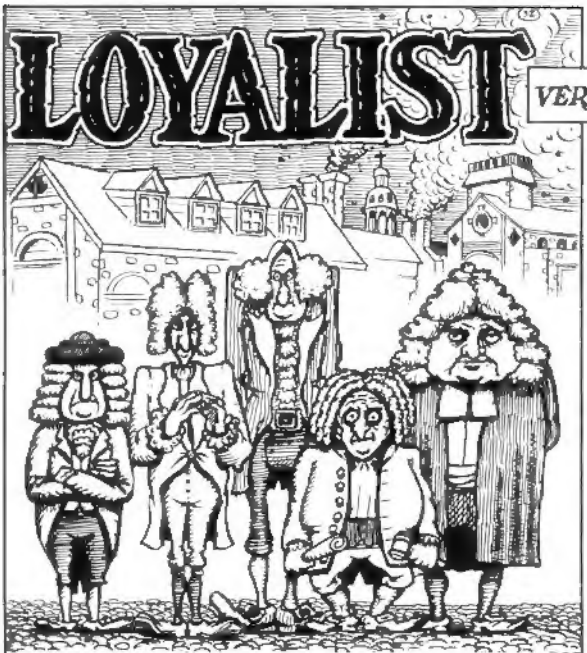
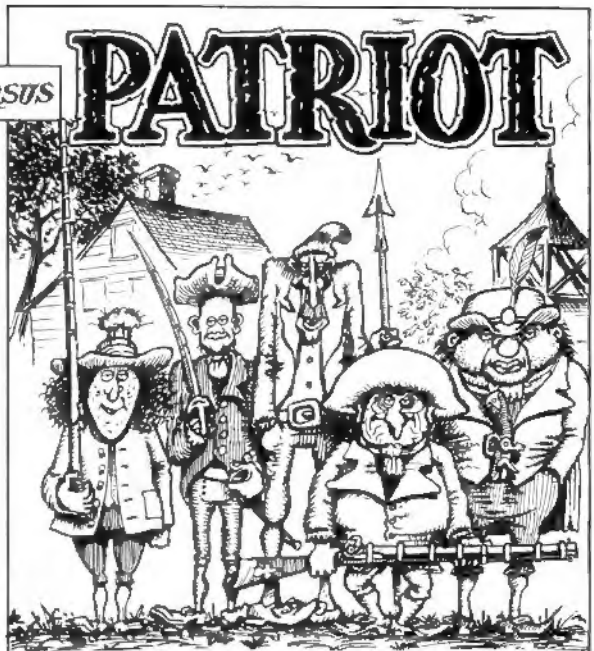
LOYALIST VERSUS PATRIOT



A **LOYALIST** (OR **TORY**, AS THEY CAME TO BE KNOWN) WAS LIKELY TO BE A ROYAL OFFICE-HOLDER, OR AT LEAST A WEALTHY MERCHANT. HE WAS NOT NECESSARILY A GREEDY OR AVARICIOUS MAN; ON THE CONTRARY, HE WAS HARD-WORKING, HONEST, AND INTELLIGENT, DESIRING ONLY A STABLE ENVIRONMENT WITHIN WHICH TO WORK AND A FORMAL HEIRARCHY WHICH HE MIGHT ASCEND. THE LOYALISTS WERE STRONGEST IN NEW YORK AND GEORGIA AND WEAKEST IN CONNECTICUT, MASSACHUSETTS, AND VIRGINIA. HERE WE SEE A GROUP OF BOSTON TORIES, UNMISTAKABLE IN THEIR POWDERED WHITE WIGS, AS THEY MANAGE THE CIVIL AFFAIRS OF THIS BRITISH-OCCUPIED SEAPORT SOMETIME AROUND 1770.

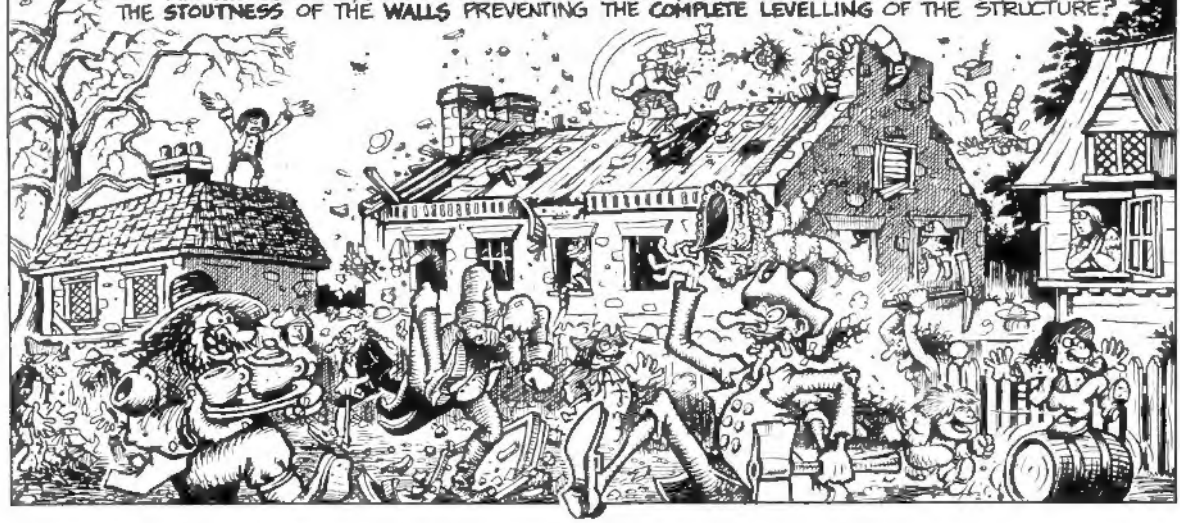


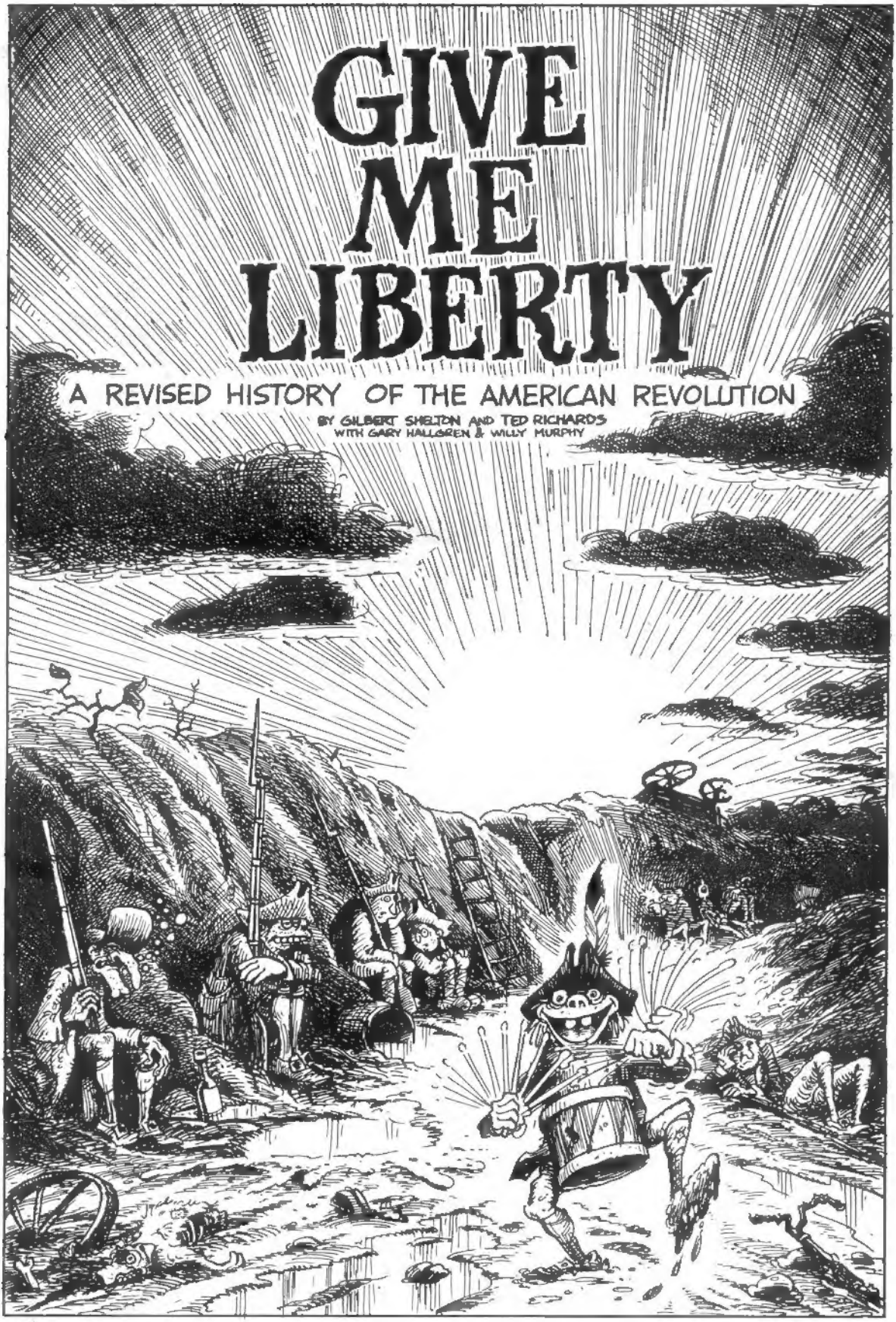
YOUR AVERAGE **PATRIOT** WAS A MIDDLE-CLASS MERCHANT, AND HE HARBORED AN ILL-CONCEALED CONTEMPT FOR THE AUTOCRATIC BRITISH RULE. IN THE PORT CITIES GROUPS OF PATRIOTS WERE ORGANIZED, CALLING THEMSELVES THE "**SONS OF LIBERTY.**" DISGUISING THEMSELVES AS WORKERS AND SAILORS AND USING TACTICS OF MOB VIOLENCE AND COERCION, THEY CAUSED THE LOYALIST BUREAUCRATS MUCH GRIEF, ALTHOUGH SURPRISINGLY LITTLE BLOOD WAS SHED. ABOVE, SOME SONS OF LIBERTY PREPARE FOR AN AFTERNOON'S DIVERSION: FIRST, A FEW MUGS OF RUM PUNCH UNDER THE LIBERTY TREE, THEN A ROUND OF PATRIOTIC SONGS, AND THEN INTO TOWN TO HARASS THE TORIES, IF ANY WERE UNWISE ENOUGH TO LET THEMSELVES BE SEEN.

SAM ADAMS

SAM ADAMS was one of the most radical of all the patriots, and their best agitator and propagandist. He claimed, at the time of the revolution, that **one third** of the colonists were **loyalists**, one third were **patriots**, and the remaining third just **didn't care**.

1765: NOW, **WHICH** FACTION DO YOU SUPPOSE IT WAS THAT ASSEMBLED AT THE HOME OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS, **THOMAS HUTCHINSON**, AND AFTER CHASING THE TERRIFIED MAN INTO THE NIGHT, **CARRIED OFF ALL HIS CLOTHES, FURNITURE** AND **VALUABLES, THEN BURNED HIS BOOKS**, ONLY THE **STOUTNESS** OF THE **WALLS** PREVENTING THE **COMPLETE LEVELLING** OF THE STRUCTURE?

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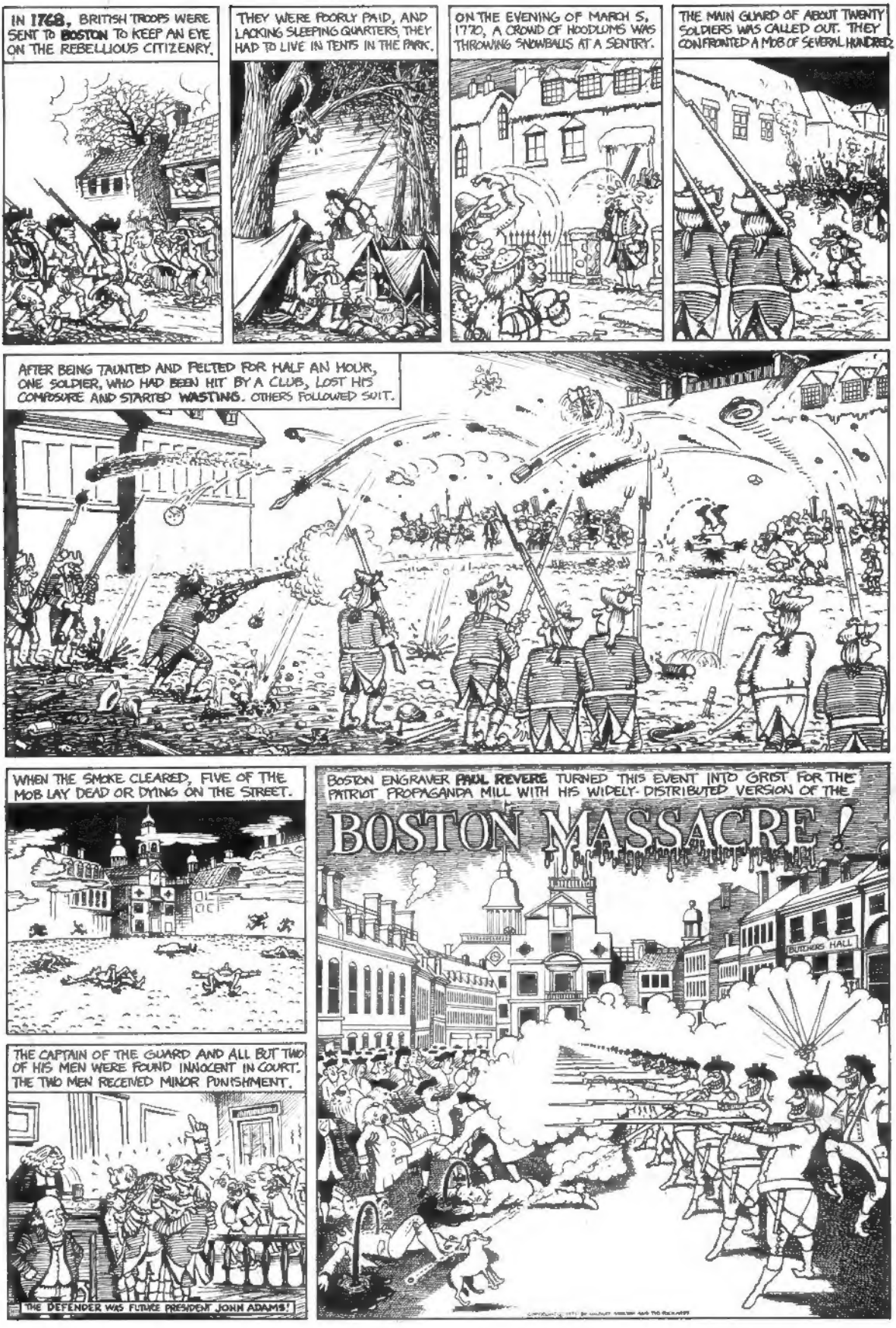

IN 1768, BRITISH TROOPS WERE SENT TO BOSTON TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE REBELLIOUS CITIZENRY.
THEY WERE POORLY PAID, AND LACKING SLEEPING QUARTERS, THEY HAD TO LIVE IN TENTS IN THE PARK.
ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 5, 1770, A CROWD OF HOODLUMS WAS THROWING SNOWBALLS AT A SENTRY.
THE MAIN GUARD OF ABOUT TWENTY SOLDIERS WAS CALLED OUT. THEY CONFRONTED A MOB OF SEVERAL HUNDRED.
AFTER BEING TAUNTED AND PELTED FOR HALF AN HOUR, ONE SOLDIER, WHO HAD BEEN HIT BY A CLUB, LOST HIS COMPOSURE AND STARTED WASTING. OTHERS FOLLOWED SUIT.
WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARED, FIVE OF THE MOB LAY DEAD OR DYING ON THE STREET.
BOSTON ENGRAVER PAUL REVERE TURNED THIS EVENT INTO GRIST FOR THE PATRIOT PROPAGANDA MILL WITH HIS WIDELY-DISTRIBUTED VERSION OF THE
BOSTON MASSACRE!
BUTCHERS HALL
THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD AND ALL BUT TWO OF HIS MEN WERE FOUND INNOCENT IN COURT. THE TWO MEN RECEIVED MINOR PUNISHMENT.
THE DEFENDER WAS FUTURE PRESIDENT JOHN ADAMS!

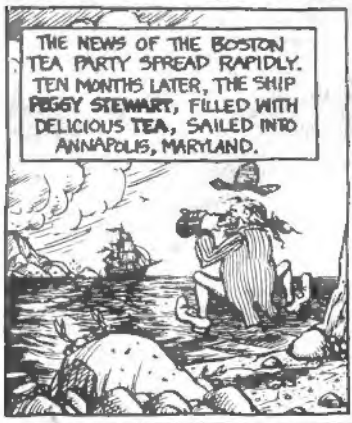
Tea Parties of the Revolution

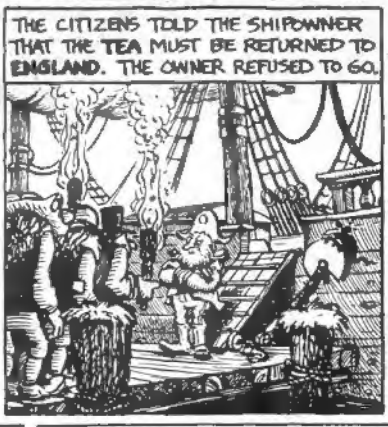
ALTHOUGH **TEA** WAS **CHEAPER** IN THE COLONIES, EVEN **WITH** THE BRITISH TEA TAX, THAN IT WAS IN ENGLAND **WITHOUT** THE TAX, THE BEVERAGE CAME TO SYMBOLIZE THE HATED BRITISH OPPRESSION TO THE COLONISTS.

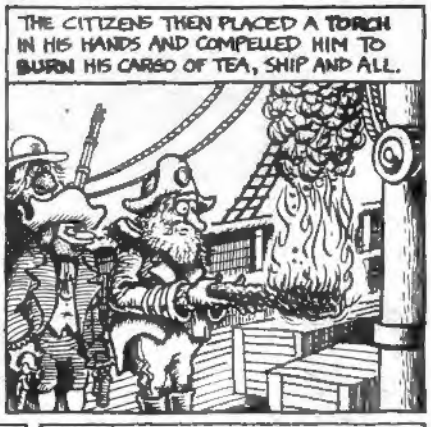
WHEN THE BRITISH EAST INDIA COMPANY SHIP **DARTMOUTH** ARRIVED IN BOSTON IN APRIL, 1774, LOADED WITH TAXABLE **TEA**, THE LOCAL POPULACE GATHERED.

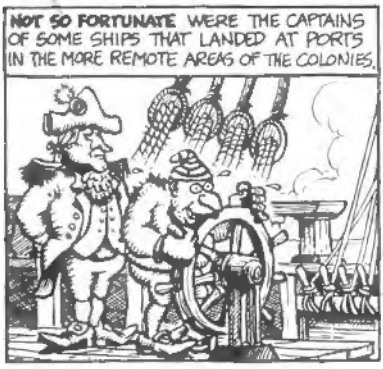
A GROUP OF CONCERNED CITIZENS, CALLING THEMSELVES THE "**MOHAWKS**," DONNED DISGUISES AND DEPARTED IN AN ORDERLY MANNER TO **GRIFFIN'S WHARF**.

THERE THE "TEA PARTY" WAS BORN.









PROLOGUE

IT IS 1774, AND THE BAD FEELINGS BETWEEN PATRIOT AND TORY ARE BUBBLING JUST BENEATH THE SURFACE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

ONE NEHEMIAH THROTTLEBERRY AND HIS FIANCÉE ARE TOURING THE WATERFRONT ON A HOLIDAY OUTING.

IT'S SO PICTURESQUE, NEHEMIAH! LIKE A BEAUTIFUL PAINTING!

WHAT A QUAINT INN!

ER, UH... MAYBE WE'D BETTER NOT GO IN THERE, SWEETHEART!

TEADAIRY TAVERN

WHY NOT?

WELL, ER... IT'S A WELL-KNOWN HANGOUT FOR "REBELS" AND ALL KINDS OF RIFF-RAFF!

SCENES OF VIOLENCE ARE KNOWN TO OCCUR AT THIS ADDRESS!

THERE'S AN EXAMPLE NOW!

WHAT A DISGUSTING OLD MAN!

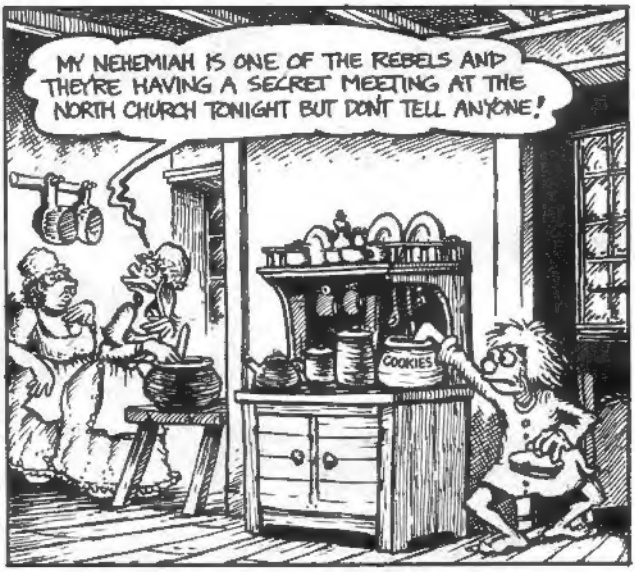
YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH!

TAVERN

IT'S OLD EBENEEZER, THE TOWN LUSH.
MUTTER MUMBLE GRUMBLE ¢@%★!

NEH'MIAH! HOW YA DOIN', "COMRADE?" YOU GONNA MAKE IT TO THE BIG SECRET MEETING TONIGHT AT THE NORTH CHURCH?
MAYBE YOU'D BETTER BRING A GUN!
LURCH
REEK
REEL
TEETER

YOU... YOU'RE ONE OF THE REBELS? OH, NEHEMIAH, I'M SO AFRAID!
I'LL BE SAFE! JUST DON'T TELL ANYONE!


MY NEHEMIAH IS ONE OF THE REBELS AND THEY'RE HAVING A SECRET MEETING AT THE NORTH CHURCH TONIGHT BUT DON'T TELL ANYONE!
COOKIES

YOUNG CADWALLADER HAS SOME IDEAS OF HIS OWN.
I WANT TO BE A REBEL TOO! MAYBE I CAN PICK UP A FEW HINTS AT THIS MEETING!

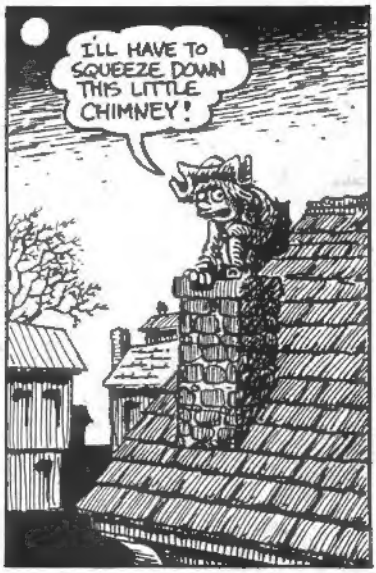
I'LL GET UP ON THE ROOF SO I CAN EAVESDROP!

BRITISH SYMPATHIZERS HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE MEETING, TOO, AND THEY DO NOT STAND IDLY BY.
THE REBELS ARE MEETING AT THE NORTH CHURCH AT TEN O'CLOCK! YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, DON'T YOU?
WE GET THE MESSAGE!

WE'LL AMBUSH THEM WHEN THEY COME OUT!

CADWALLADER SPOTS THE HIRED THUGS.
OH, MY GOSH! I'LL HAVE TO WARN THE MEN INSIDE!

I CAN'T CLIMB DOWN THE SAME WAY I GOT UP OR WHOEVER IT IS OUT THERE WILL SEE ME!


I'LL HAVE TO SQUEEZE DOWN THIS LITTLE CHIMNEY!

BE WARNED! THERE'S A GANG OF ABOUT THIRTY GREAT BIG GUYS WITH STICKS AND CLUBS WAITING IN THE ALLEY ACROSS THE STREET!

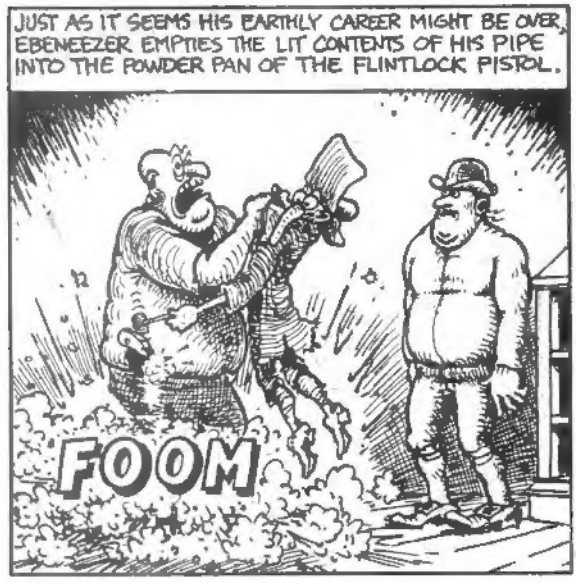
WE'LL SNEAK OUT THE BACK DOOR ONE AT A TIME!
PUT OLD EBENEEZER UP THERE ON THE PULPIT AND HAND HIM THIS BOTTLE!

THEY SURE HAVE BEEN IN THERE A LONG TIME!
I CAN STILL HEAR 'EM TALKIN'!

THERE'S JUST ONE OLD GUY IN THERE AND HE'S TALKING TO HIMSELF!

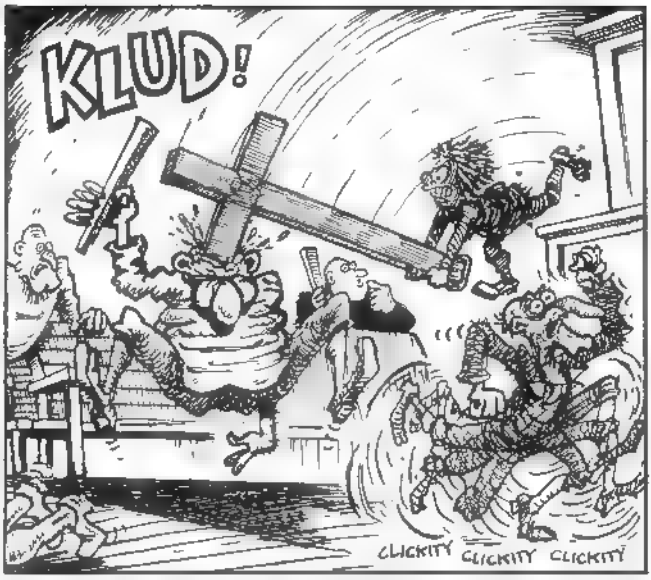
WELL, AT LEAST WE CAN STOMP HIM!
YEAH, AIN'T NO SENSE LETTIN' A WHOLE NIGHT GO TO WASTE!

HEY, YOU OLD COOT! SHUT YOUR MOUTH AND COME DOWN HERE!
...AND THAT ***** KING GEORGE CAN JUST TAKE HIS ***** TAX STAMPS AND STICK 'EM UP HIS...
EH?


JUST AS IT SEEMS HIS EARTHLY CAREER MIGHT BE OVER, EBENEEZER EMPTIES THE LIT CONTENTS OF HIS PIPE INTO THE POWDER PAN OF THE FLINTLOCK PISTOL.
FOOM

ARRGHH!
KILL HIM! KILL HIM!!
IM A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY! GOD WILL PUNISH YOU!
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! IM SORRY!
HELP!

SKRUNT!
BOMP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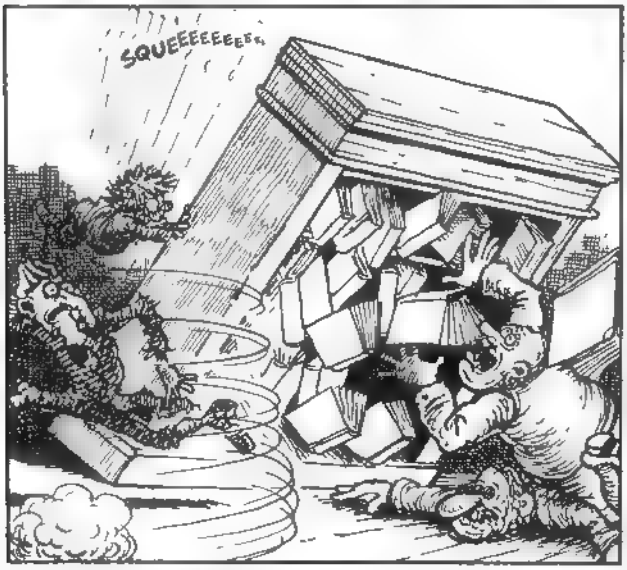
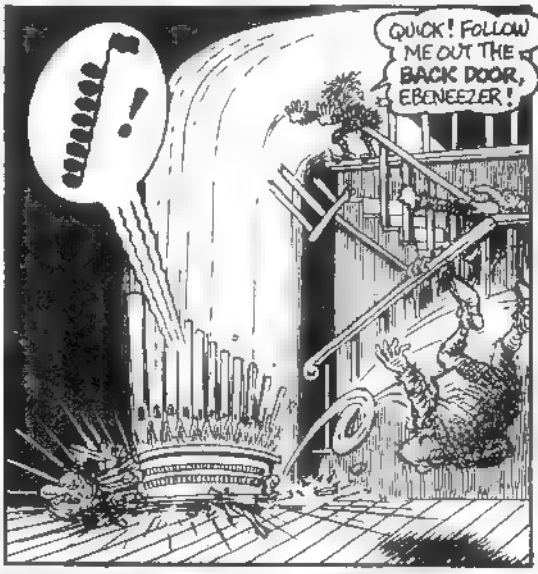
CLICKITY CLICKITY CLICKITY

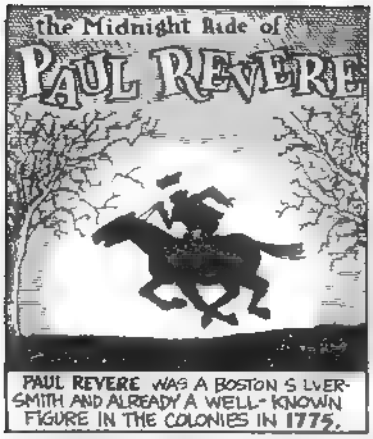

SQUEEEEEEEEE


!
QUICK! FOLLOW ME OUT THE BACK DOOR, EBENEEZER!

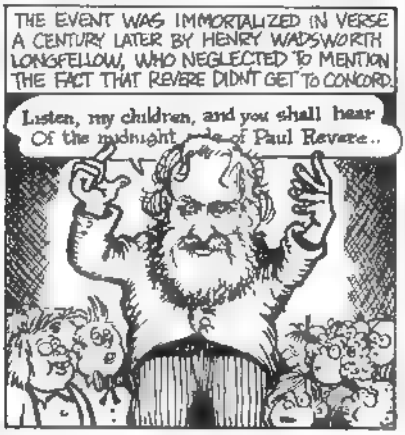
JAB!
PHUMP!
...SO HOW'S ABOUT BUYING ME ANOTHER DRINK, HUH, NEHEMIAH OL' BUDDY!?!

I'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO SNEAK OUT AT NIGHT AND GET ALL FILTHY...
WHAP WHAP WHAP

IN OCTOBER, 1774, THE STATE ASSEMBLY OF MASSACHUSETTS, HAVING BEEN DISSOLVED BY GOVERNOR THOMAS GAGE, MET IN CONCORD, ELECTED JOHN HANCOCK PRESIDENT, AND FORMED "COMMITTEE OF SAFETY" TO ORGANIZE THE MILITIA. THEY THEN SET ABOUT COLLECTING ARMS AND MUNITIONS BY RIPPING OFF THE BRITISH IN BOSTON.
SLURP
EBENEEZER'S MANURE
YOU THINK THE BRITISH WILL STOP YOU BETWEEN HERE & CONCORD, EBENEEZER?
THEY NEVER STOPPED ME YET!
HALT!
SEARCH THAT WAGON! WE HAVE WORD THAT THE LOCALS ARE USING THESE MANURE CARTS TO SMUGGLE CONTRABAND!
MANURE
YOU SEARCH IT!
YOU SEARCH IT!
YOU SEARCH IT!
I SAY! I'VE A JOLLY IDEA! LET'S JUST PUT THE TORCH TO THE MALODOROUS VEHICLE AND BE DONE WITH IT!
BOOM
OH, A HARD RAIN'S A-GONNA FALL...



PAUL REVERE WAS A BOSTON SILVERSMITH AND ALREADY A WELL-KNOWN FIGURE IN THE COLONIES IN 1775.



IT HAS NEVER BEEN EXACTLY DETERMINED WHAT OCCURRED AT DAWN ON APRIL 19, 1775. ALL WE KNOW IS THAT 700 BRITISH SOLDIERS SHOWED UP AT LEXINGTON AND WERE MET BY

"The Shot Heard Round the World"

A NUMBER OF MINUTEMEN HAD BEEN WAITING ALL NIGHT IN MUNROE'S TAVERN EAST OF LEXINGTON.

TH BRITISH ARE COMING! TH BRITISH ARE COMING!

(GASP!) IT'S TRUE! THE BRITISH ARE COMING!

THE MINUTEMEN RUSHED OUT, HOPING TO BLUFF THE BRITISH INTO TURNING BACK TO BOSTON WITHOUT SHOOTING.

COME ON NEHEMIAH! WE'LL STARE THEM DOWN!

HOW ABOUT A BIT OF TH'S HERE FRENCH SHAM-PAGNY THAT I FOUND BEHIND THE BAR!?

DONT MIND IF I DO EBENEEZER!

WELL, COME ON, YOU OLD FOOL! OPEN IT UP!

JUST HOLD YOUR HORSES! I CAN'T GET TH DURN CORK OUT!

YOU HOLD HER WHILE I BLOW THE DURN CAP OFF!

DISPERSE, YE SCOUNDRELS!

POOM!

GOOD TEETH! THEY'RE SHOOTING AT US WITH ARTILLERY!

THE BRITISH OPENED FIRE, KILLING EIGHT MILITIAMEN AND WOUNDING ELEVEN. THE REST DISPERSED TOWARD CONCORD WITH THE BRITISH IN PURSUIT.

By the rude bridge
that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's
breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled
farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard
'round the world.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON
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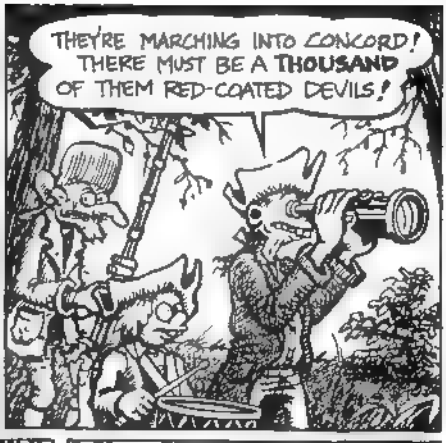
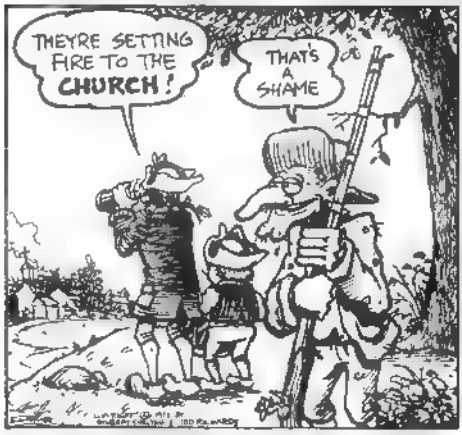
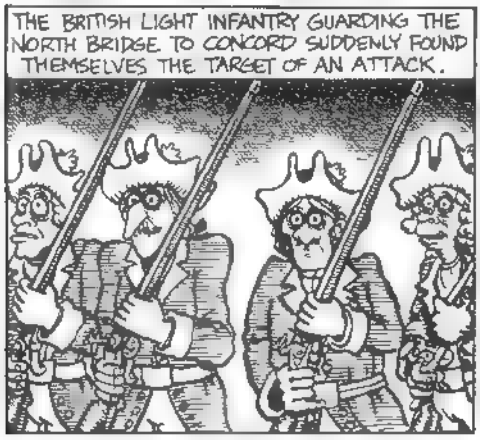
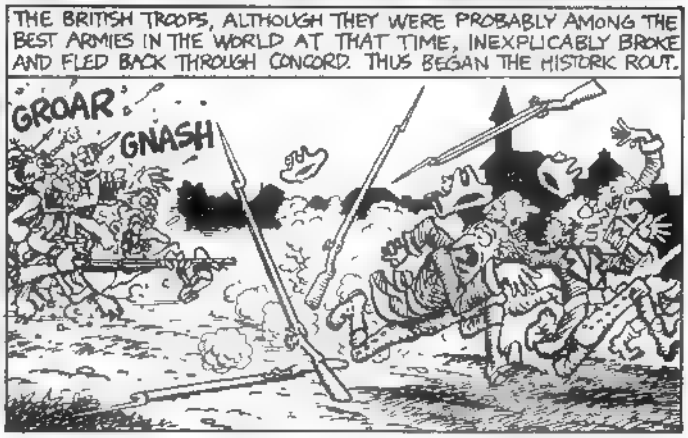
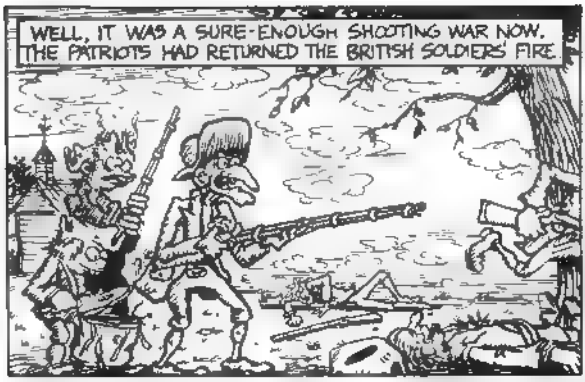
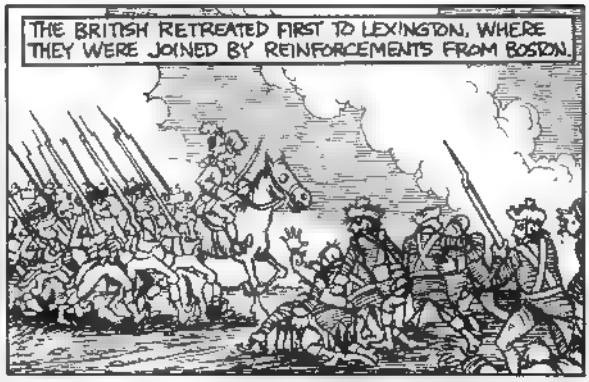




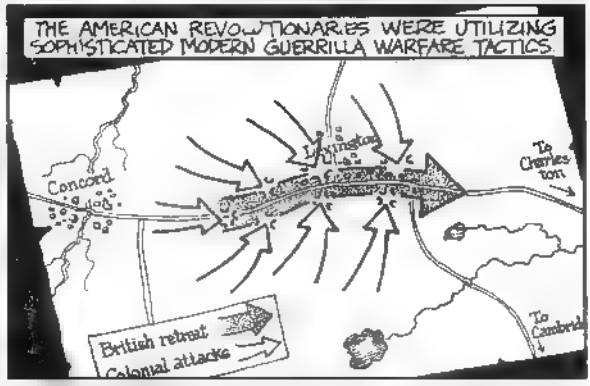


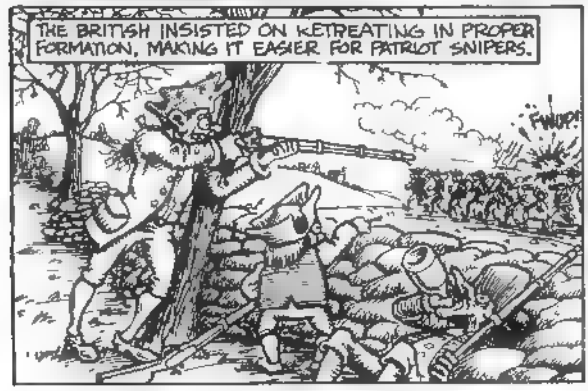



WELL, IT WAS A SURE-ENOUGH SHOOTING WAR NOW. THE PATRIOTS HAD RETURNED THE BRITISH SOLDIERS' FIRE.


THE BRITISH RETREATED FIRST TO LEXINGTON, WHERE THEY WERE JOINED BY REINFORCEMENTS FROM BOSTON.

BUT THOUSANDS OF PATRIOTS WERE ARRIVING TO JOIN THE FIGHT. THE BRITISH WITHDRAWAL CONTINUED.


THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARIES WERE UTILIZING SOPHISTICATED MODERN GUERRILLA WARFARE TACTICS.
Concord
Lexington
To Charlestown
To Cambrid
British retreat
Colonial attacks


THE BRITISH INSISTED ON RETREATING IN PROPER FORMATION, MAKING IT EASIER FOR PATRIOT SNIPERS.
FWUP!

THE BRITISH SUFFERED 273 CASUALTIES OUT OF 2000 MEN THE AMERICANS LOST 103 OF 4,000.
HOW MANY DID YOU KILL TODAY?
I DUNNO TWENTY OR THIRTY, MAYBE.
FORTY!

THE KING'S SOLDIERS GOT NO RESPITE UNTIL THEY REACHED THE SHELTER OF THEIR GUNBOATS NEAR BOSTON.
BOSTON WAS TO REMAIN UNDER SIEGE BY THE COLONIALS UNTIL MARCH OF 1776

YUP, ME AND OLD GENERAL ARTEMAS WARD HAVE HOISTED MANY A CUP TOGETHER BACK IN THE "OLD DAYS!"

HE'LL PROBABLY APPOINT ME A COLONEL, AT THE VERY LEAST!

HEY EBENEEZER! DO YOU THINK I LOOK OLD ENOUGH SO THEY'LL LET ME HAVE POWDER AND A MUSKET?
HA!

(WHINE) (SNIVEL) I JUST WANT TO KILL ME A FEW REDCOATS!

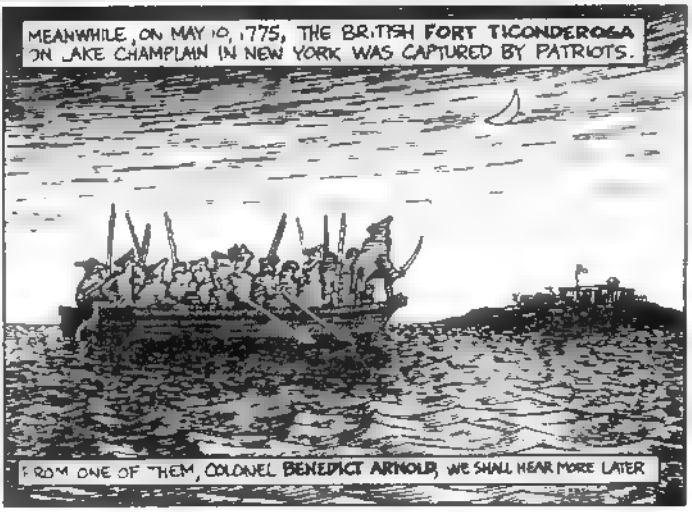
WELL, I JUST WANT TO GO BACK HOME AND SEE MY GIRL FRIEND (SIGH)!

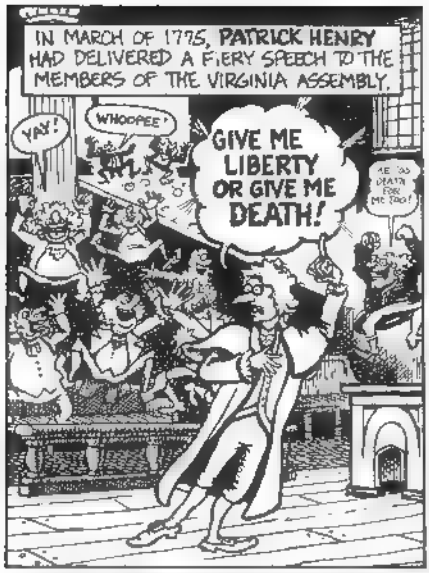
(GASP!) IT'S GENERAL ARTEMAS WARD! HE'S COMING RIGHT OVER HERE!

YOU THERE! WHAT'S YOUR NAME? I'M APPOINTING YOU COMMANDER!
OF THE DITCHDIGGING COMPANY!
POP!

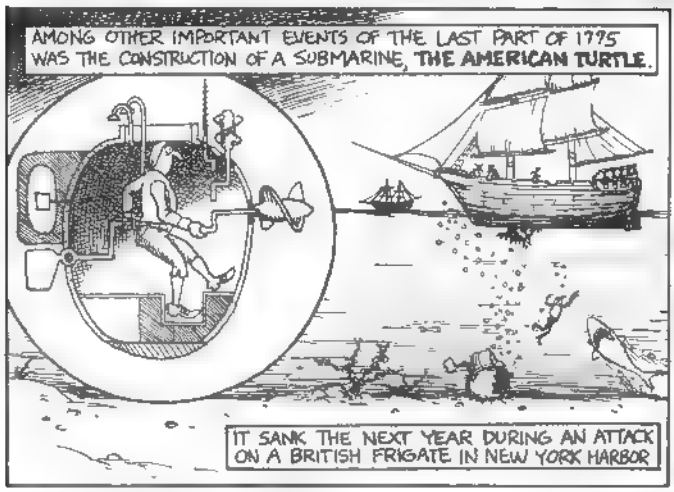
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT, OLD-TIMER? I'M APPOINTING YOU SHOVELER, FIRST CLASS!
BUT ARTEMAS! REMEMBER ME?
YOUR OLD BUDDY?
GO BLOW

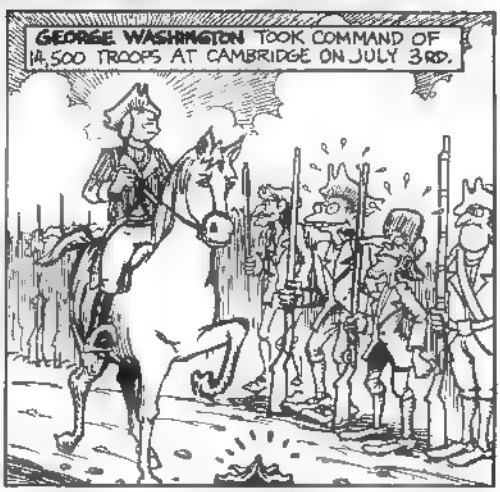
AND YOU THERE, YOUNG FELLOW! YOU'D BETTER RUN ALONG BACK HOME TO YOUR MOMMA!


MEANWHILE, ON MAY 10, 1775, THE BRITISH FORT TICONDEROGA ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN IN NEW YORK WAS CAPTURED BY PATRIOTS.
FROM ONE OF THEM, COLONEL BENEDICT ARNOLD, WE SHALL HEAR MORE LATER


IN MARCH OF 1775, PATRICK HENRY HAD DELIVERED A FIERY SPEECH TO THE MEMBERS OF THE VIRGINIA ASSEMBLY.
YAY!
WHOOPEE!
GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH!
HE'S DEATH FOR ME, TOO!

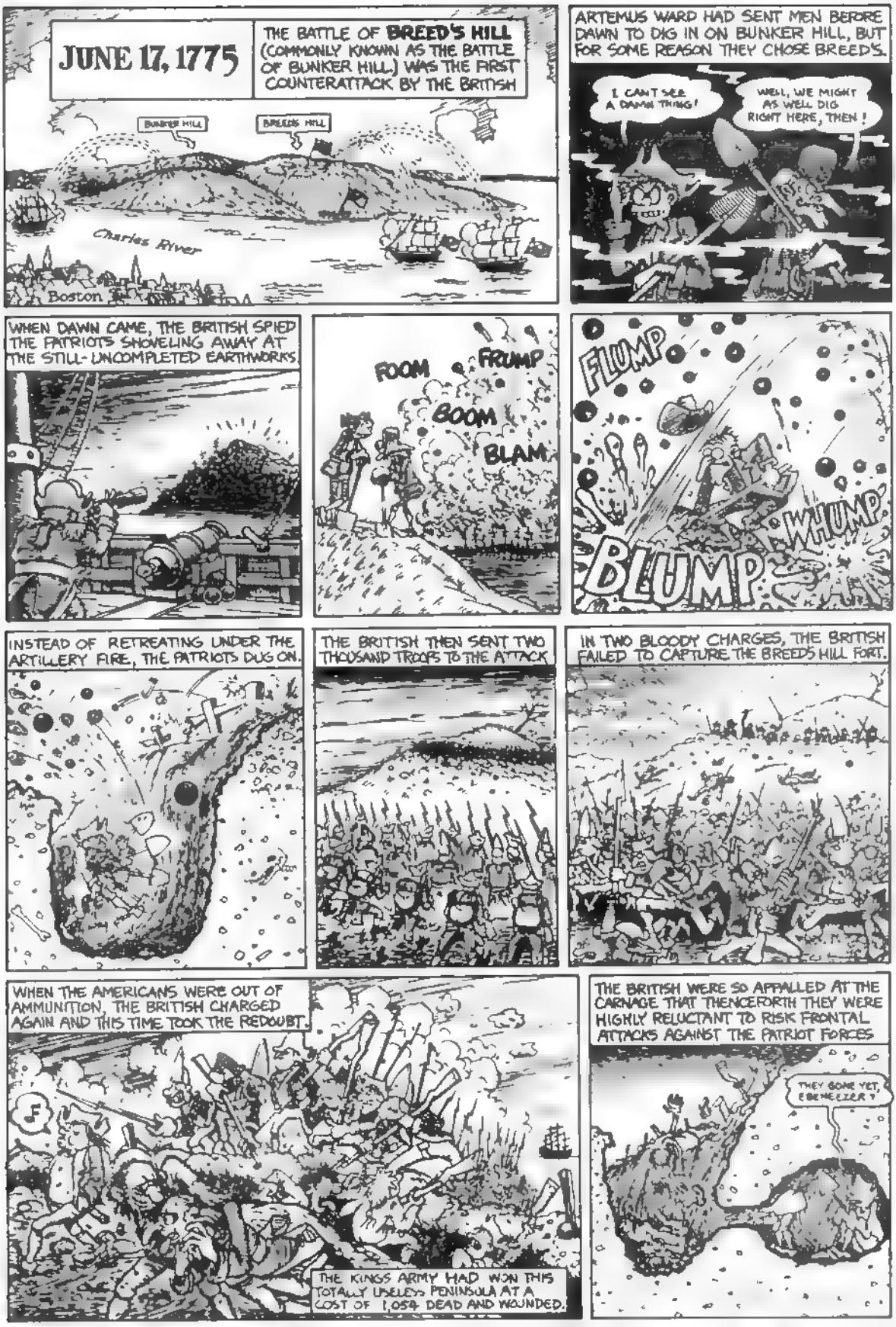
THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS THAT CONVENED AT PHILADELPHIA ON MAY 10 OF THAT YEAR, ALTHOUGH VOWING TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM IF NECESSARY, WAS STILL HOPEFUL OF CONCILIATION WITH ENGLAND. ITS OLIVE BRANCH PETITION WAS REFUSED BY KING GEORGE.
NOT NOW! I'M RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF HAVING MY MORNING TEA!

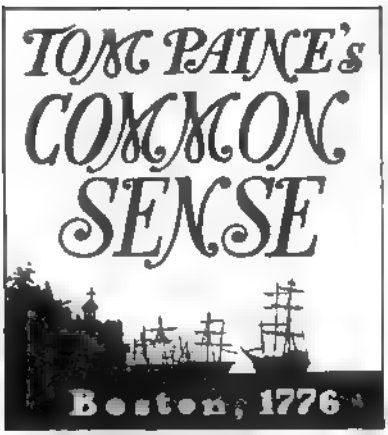

AMONG OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE LAST PART OF 1775 WAS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUBMARINE, THE AMERICAN TURTLE.
IT SANK THE NEXT YEAR DURING AN ATTACK ON A BRITISH FRIGATE IN NEW YORK HARBOR

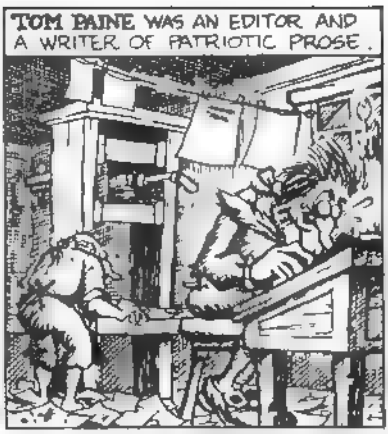

GEORGE WASHINGTON TOOK COMMAND OF 14,500 TROOPS AT CAMBRIDGE ON JULY 3RD.

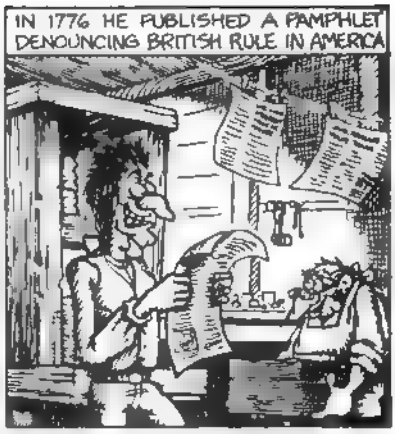
TOWARD THE END OF YEAR, IT WAS DECIDED TO INVADE CANADA. FROM NORTHERN NEW YORK, 2,300 PATRIOTS LED BY RICHARD MONTGOMERY CAPTURED MONTREAL. FURTHER NORTH, 1,100 VOLUNTEERS UNDER BENEDICT ARNOLD MARCHED THROUGH THE WILDERNESS.
THIS GRUELING MARCH COVERED 350 MILES IN 46 DAYS. TWO OF THE MEN'S WIVES ACCOMPANIED THEM. THE GROUP RAN COMPLETELY OUT OF RATIONS AND WAS FORCED TO ROAST THE COMPANY DOG.

JOINED BY MONTGOMERY AND HIS MEN WHO SAILED DOWN THE ST. LAWRENCE, ARNOLD ATTACKED QUEBEC.
THE CAMPAIGN ENDED IN DISASTER WITH ARNOLD SHOT IN THE LEG AND MONTGOMERY KILLED. CANADA REMAINED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE REVOLUTION.

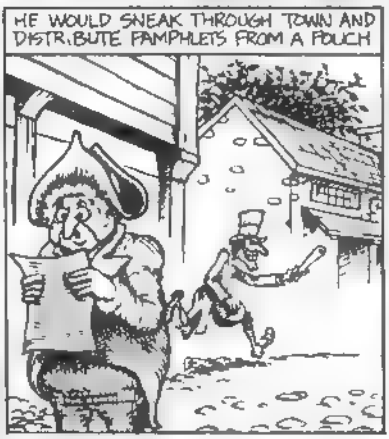

JUNE 17, 1775
THE BATTLE OF BREED'S HILL (COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL) WAS THE FIRST COUNTERATTACK BY THE BRITISH
BUNKER HILL
BREED'S HILL
Charles River
Boston
ARTEMUS WARD HAD SENT MEN BEFORE DAWN TO DIG IN ON BUNKER HILL, BUT FOR SOME REASON THEY CHOSE BREED'S.
I CAN'T SEE A DAMN THING!
WELL, WE MIGHT AS WELL DIG RIGHT HERE, THEN!
WHEN DAWN CAME, THE BRITISH SPIED THE PATRIOTS SHOVELING AWAY AT THE STILL-UNCOMPLETED EARTHWORKS.
FOOM
FRUMP
BOOM
BLAM
FLUMP
WHUMP
BLUMP
INSTEAD OF RETREATING UNDER THE ARTILLERY FIRE, THE PATRIOTS DUG ON.
THE BRITISH THEN SENT TWO THOUSAND TROOPS TO THE ATTACK
IN TWO BLOODY CHARGES, THE BRITISH FAILED TO CAPTURE THE BREED'S HILL FORT.
WHEN THE AMERICANS WERE OUT OF AMMUNITION, THE BRITISH CHARGED AGAIN AND THIS TIME TOOK THE REDOUBT.
THE KINGS ARMY HAD WON THIS TOTALLY USELESS PENINSULA AT A COST OF 1,054 DEAD AND WOUNDED.
THE BRITISH WERE SO APPALLED AT THE CARNAGE THAT THENCEFORTH THEY WERE HIGHLY RELUCTANT TO RISK FRONTAL ATTACKS AGAINST THE PATRIOT FORCES
THEY GONE YET, EBENEZER?


TOM PAINE'S
COMMON SENSE
Boston, 1776

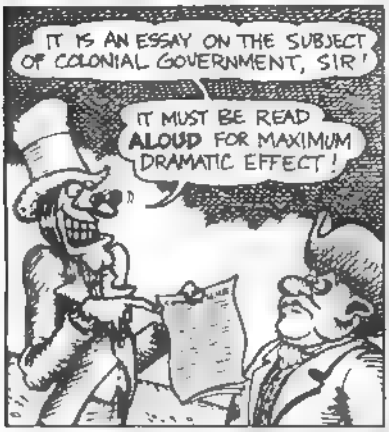

TOM PAINE WAS AN EDITOR AND A WRITER OF PATRIOTIC PROSE.

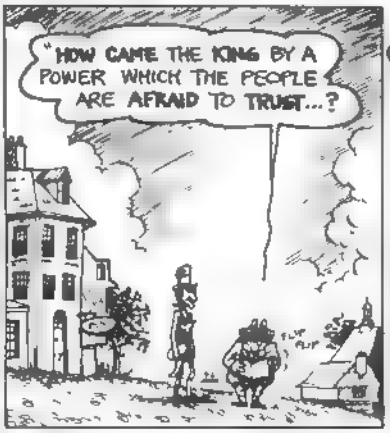

IN 1776 HE PUBLISHED A PAMPHLET DENOUNCING BRITISH RULE IN AMERICA

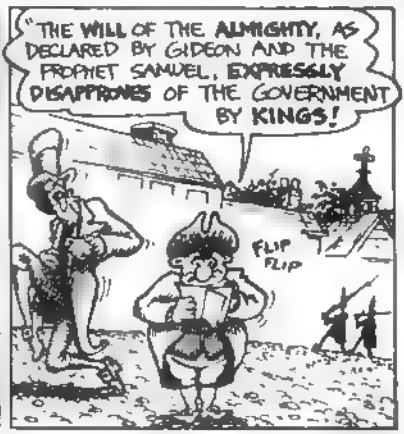
AS IT WAS ILLEGAL AT THE TIME TO SAY SUCH THINGS, HE REMAINED ANONYMOUS

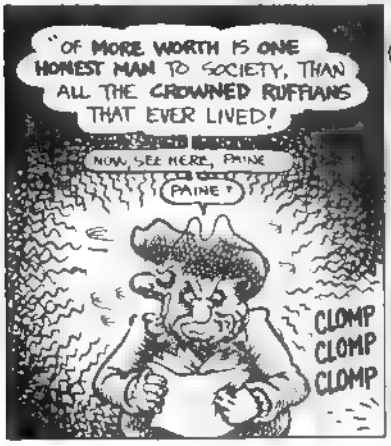

HE WOULD SNEAK THROUGH TOWN AND DISTRIBUTE PAMPHLETS FROM A POUCH

OCCASIONALLY THIS WOULD PROVOKE A LIVELY DEBATE FROM A "LOYALIST"
IS THAT YOU, MISTER PAINE? WHAT ARE YOU SELLING NOW?


IT IS AN ESSAY ON THE SUBJECT OF COLONIAL GOVERNMENT, SIR!
IT MUST BE READ ALOUD FOR MAXIMUM DRAMATIC EFFECT!


"HOW CAME THE KING BY A POWER WHICH THE PEOPLE ARE AFRAID TO TRUST...?
FLIP FLIP


"THE WILL OF THE ALMIGHTY, AS DECLARED BY GIDEON AND THE PROPHET SAMUEL, EXPRESSLY DISAPPROVES OF THE GOVERNMENT BY KINGS!
FLIP FLIP


"OF MORE WORTH IS ONE HONEST MAN TO SOCIETY, THAN ALL THE CROWNED RUFFIANS THAT EVER LIVED!
NOW, SEE HERE, PAINE
PAINE?
CLOMP CLOMP CLOMP

WOTS THAT YE SAY ABOUT THE GOOD KING GEORGE, YE VARLET ?!!
WAIT!
UGH!
(GROAN!)
YOURE MAKING A MISTAKE, I'M A LOYAL SUBJECT!

WHY, IT'S MR TOM PAINE!
WHATRE YE DOING UP THERE IN THAT DARK, DAMP HOGSHEAD, MR TOM PAINE
I'M EXERCISING A LITTLE "COMMON SENSE," MY GOOD FELLOW!

AFTER THE BATTLE OF BREEDS HILL, GEORGE WASHINGTON WAS HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY KEEPING THE CONTINENTAL ARMY TOGETHER

JH WE'RE ALL GOING DOWN TO TH CREEK TO WASH UP BE BACK IN A WHILE

CONGRESS HAD SET CONSCRIPTION QUOTAS FOR EACH COLONY, BUT IT HAD NO AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE ITS REQUISITIONS, OR TO DRAFT MEN

I WOULD GO MYSELF, WERE I NOT SO URGENTLY NEEDED HERE IN PHILADELPHIA!

YEA!

HEAR, HEAR!

CLAP CLAP

THE COLONY OF RHODE ISLAND BOUGHT SLAVES TO FILL ITS QUOTA, AND THEN HAD THE NERVE TO SEND THE BILL TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON'S ARMY WAS VERY POORLY EQUIPPED. THE SOLDIERS HAD NO UNIFORMS AND WORE ANYTHING THEY COULD FIND

HEY, CLINTON! YOU SEEN MY DOG?

ONE GROUP FROM RHODE ISLAND WAS SO POORLY CLOTHED IT WAS KNOWN AS THE "NAKED REGIMENT"

MANY UNEMPLOYED FOREIGN OFFICERS CAME TO HELP. SINCE THE MEN WOULD NOT SERVE UNDER THEM, THEY BECAME WASHINGTON'S STAFF

MANY UNTRIED METHODS WERE USED TO ATTRACT ENLISTMENTS IN THE ARMY

FREE DEMON-STRATION

CHUNK

STEP RIGHT UP, MEN! SEE HOW YOU LOOK IN THE UNIFORM OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY! JUST TRY IT ON! THERE'S NO OBLIGATION!

FREE DEMON-STRATION

THERE! NOW JUST HOLD THIS MUSKET WHILE I ADJUST YOUR HAT! THERE! NOW LOOK AT YOURSELVES IN THE MIRROR!

DEFEND YOURSELVES, MY LADS! HERE COME THE BRITISH!

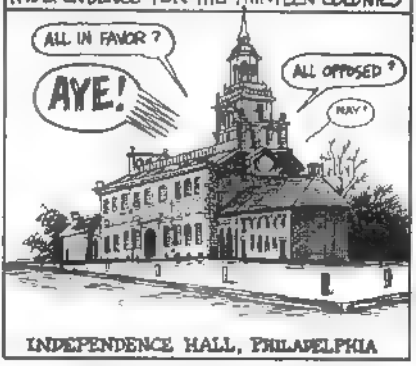
CRACK! BOW!

TWO NEW RECRUITS, EH? GOOD WORK, MEN! TAKE THE REST OF THE DAY OFF!

YOU RECRUITS GIVE US BACK THOSE UNIFORMS NOW! WE HAVE TO USE THEM AT THE RECRUITING STAND!

Thomas Jefferson and the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

ON JUNE 11, 1776, CONGRESS APPOINTED A COMMITTEE TO WRITE A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE FOR THE THIRTEEN COLONIES



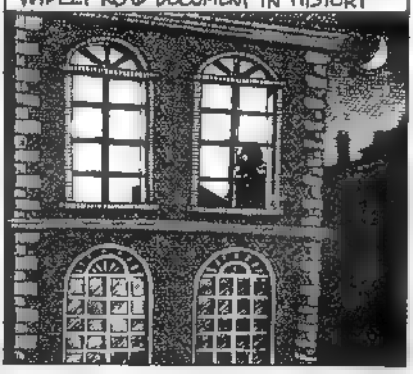
INDEPENDENCE HALL, PHILADELPHIA

THIS COMMITTEE OF FIVE INCLUDED, BESIDES JEFFERSON, THE BRILLIANT **BEN FRANKLIN** & FUTURE PRESIDENT **JOHN ADAMS**

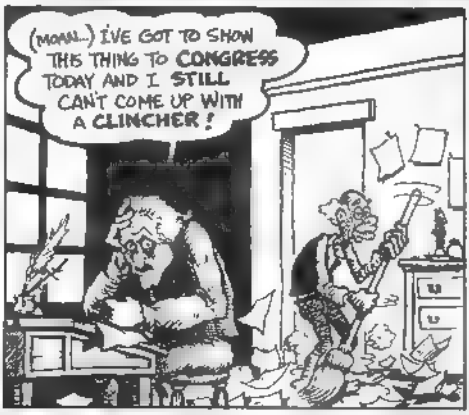
THE TASK OF ACTUALLY WRITING THE BASIC DOCUMENT, HOWEVER, FELL SOLELY TO JEFFERSON, KNOWN AS A HARD WORKER

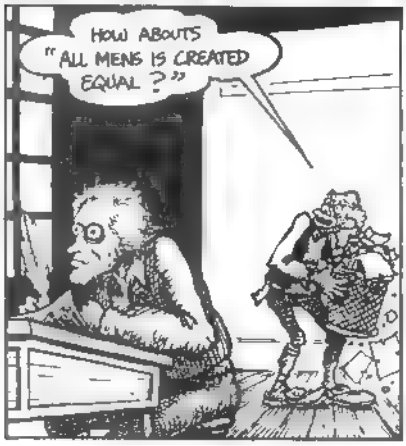
JEFFERSON RETIRED TO A RENTED APARTMENT IN PHILADELPHIA AND HAD A SPECIAL WRITING DESK BUILT

FOR WEEKS, THE 33-YEAR-OLD JEFFERSON LABORED OVER WHAT WAS TO BE THE MOST WIDELY-READ DOCUMENT IN HISTORY



WORKING RIGHT UP UNTIL DEADLINE TIME





CONGRESS APPROVED IT ON **JULY 2.**
JUST WHY WE CELEBRATE JULY 4 IS STILL UNCLEAR.

ON MARCH 17, 1776, THE BRITISH EVACUATED BOSTON. WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY MARCHED THE CONTINENTAL ARMY TO **NEW YORK**, THEN A CITY OF 22,000.

WASHINGTON, WITH 8,000 SOLDIERS, FACED BRITISH GENERAL **WILLIAM HOWE**, WHO HAD LANDED ON STATEN ISLAND WITH 25,000 MEN.

I SAY HAWKINS THEY OUGHT TO BUILD A REGULAR FERRY HERE!

IT WOULD BE IMMENSELY POPULAR SIR!

FOR SOME REASON, THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS DECIDED TO FACE THE INVADING BRITISH FORCES IN THE OPEN FIELDS OF **BROOKLYN**, WHERE THE LATTER WERE CLEARLY SUPERIOR

THE BADLY BEATEN AMERICANS MANAGED TO RETREAT ACROSS THE EAST RIVER TO MANHATTAN IN THE COVER OF DARKNESS.

WASHINGTON MADE A SECOND STAND NEAR HARLEM HEIGHTS ON SEPTEMBER 15 AND SUCCEEDED IN TEMPORARILY TURNING BACK THE INVADERS

✱ AUGUST 22: BATTLE OF BROOKLYN

☼ SEPT. 15: BATTLE OF HARLEM HEIGHTS

MANHATTAN I.

LONG I

BRITISH

STATEN I

ONLY THE TIMELY ARRIVAL OF THE **HESSIAN** TROOPS HIRED BY BRITAIN SAVED THE BRITISH FROM CAPTURE

BUT BY NOVEMBER 16, THE LAST PATRIOTS HAD BEEN DRIVEN FROM MANHATTAN. THE LAST PLACE TO FALL, FORT WASHINGTON, WAS RENAMED **FORT KNYPHAUSEN** TO HONOR THE HESSIAN MERCENARIES.

"MIT OUT US, YOU VILL NOT VIN DER VAR"

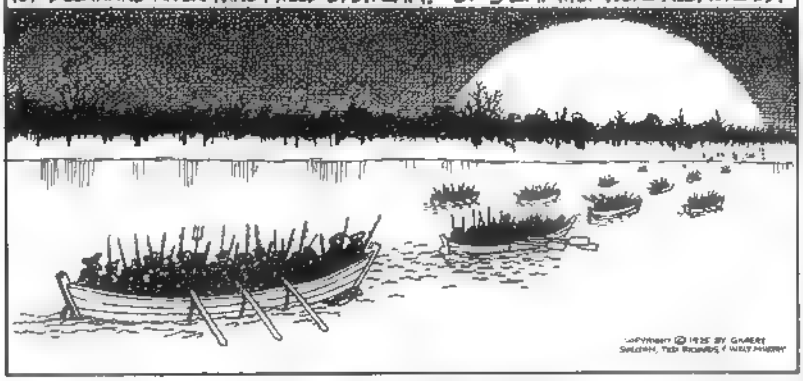
IN NOVEMBER, 1776, GEORGE WASHINGTON FLED INTO NEW JERSEY WITH 5,000 MEN.

CORNWALLIS CHASED WASHINGTON OVER THE DELAWARE, THEN WENT BACK TO N.Y.C.

THE HESSIAN MERCENARIES WERE LEFT TO GUARD THE FRONT AT **TRENTON**, N.J.

(CONGRESS HAD FLED PHILADELPHIA ON DECEMBER 12, ANTICIPATING AN ATTACK)

ON CHRISTMAS DAY AT 7 p.m., WASHINGTON AND 2,400 MEN STARTED CROSSING THE ICY DELAWARE RIVER NINE MILES UPSTREAM. BY 3 a.m. THEY WERE ALL ACROSS.

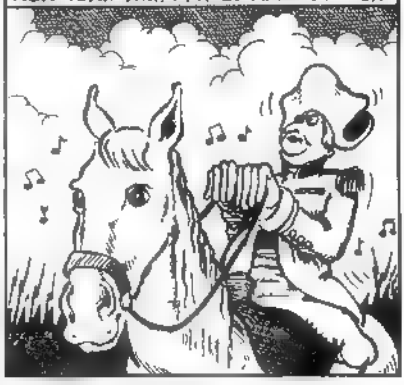


THE HESSIANS WERE SLEEPING OFF THE EFFECTS OF A CHRISTMAS PARTY.

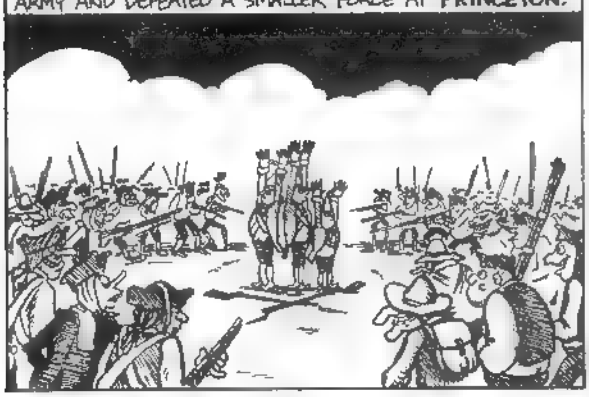
WHEN THEY AWOKE, THEY FOUND THEMSELVES SURROUNDED. IT WAS OVER IN 45 MINUTES.

WASHINGTON CAPTURED 900 PRISONERS WITH 0 KILLED, 4 WOUNDED, & 2 FROZEN.

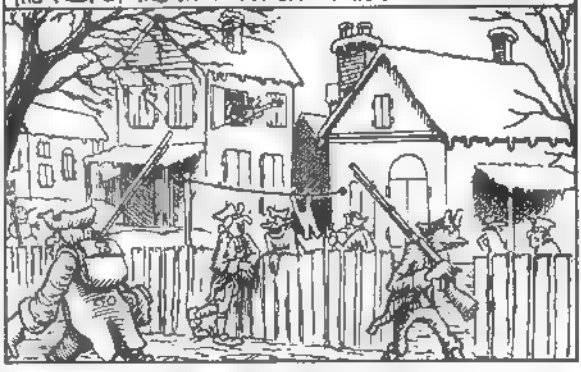
NATURALLY, CORNWALLIS SPED BACK FROM NEW YORK WITH A HUGE ARMY OF MEN.



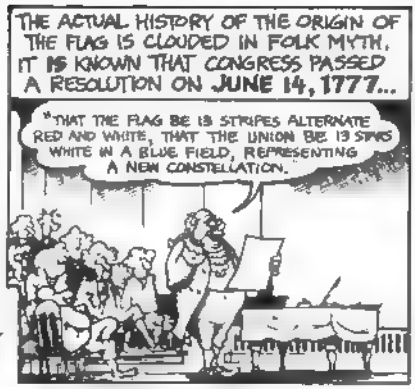
WASHINGTON CIRCLED AROUND BEHIND THE MAIN BRITISH ARMY AND DEFEATED A SMALLER FORCE AT **PRINCETON**.



THE AMERICANS HOPES WERE CONSIDERABLY BUOYED BY THESE TWO RELATIVELY SMALL VICTORIES AS THEY SPENT THE REST OF THE WINTER HOLED UP IN **MORRISTOWN**.



the story of
The FLAG


THE ACTUAL HISTORY OF THE ORIGIN OF THE FLAG IS CLOUDED IN FOLK MYTH. IT IS KNOWN THAT CONGRESS PASSED A RESOLUTION ON JUNE 14, 1777...
"THAT THE FLAG BE 13 STRIPES ALTERNATE RED AND WHITE, THAT THE UNION BE 13 STARS WHITE IN A BLUE FIELD, REPRESENTING A NEW CONSTELLATION."

IF THINGS THEN WERE ANYTHING LIKE THEY ARE NOW, THE SUBSEQUENT EVENTS PROBABLY WENT SOMETHING LIKE THIS:
ALL IN FAVOR ?
WAIT A MINUTE !

I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THAT RESOLUTION, THAT THE PINE TREE OF MY NOBLE STATE BE INCLUDED ON THE NEW FLAG!
I'LL VOTE AGAINST IT UNLESS YOU ADD A CROSS OF GOD !!
IT OUGHT TO HAVE SOME SORT OF LATIN MOTTO!
I WOULD LIKE TO ADD A RIDER TO THAT AMENDMENT, THAT A PICTURE OF A SNAKE WITH THE MOTTO "DON'T TREAD ON ME" BE INCLUDED!
MAKE ONE OF THOSE STARS BEIGE!

AFTER A LENGTHY COMPROMISE SESSION
(SIGH) WELL, HERE IT IS, GENTLEMEN OUR COUNTRY'S BANNER!
WALK NOT UPON ANY OF US

THE DESIGN WAS THEN CARRIED OVER TO THE POPULAR BETSY ROSS DRESS SHOP.
YOU WANT TO SEE BETSY ROSS?
SORRY, SHE'S AT THE MAIN OFFICE!

YOU'RE FROM THE CONTINENTAL WHAT?
CONTINENTAL CONGRESS?
JUST A MINUTE I'LL SEE IF MS. ROSS IS IN. I THINK SHE'S IN CONFERENCE.

ER... MISS ROSS? THIS IS TO BE OUR NATION'S FLAG! WE NEED SIX DOZEN OF THEM, EIGHT FEET HIGH AND TWELVE FEET
OKAY, OKAY! THAT'LL BE SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS!
GOLD, IN ADVANCE.

HERE, PRISCILLA! YOU CAN WORK ON THIS PROJECT!

SIX WEEKS LATER
HERE YOU ARE, GENTLEMEN! THIS IS ALL WE COULD GET DONE BEFORE THE DEADLINE!

BUT BUT WHERE ARE THE REST OF THE FLAGS?
THIS ONE IS ALL WE MADE! A LITTLE MATTER OF COST OVERRUN!
KA-CHING!

IN JUNE OF 1777, BRITISH GENERAL **JOHN BURGOYNE** BEGAN A DRIVE TO ISOLATE THE NEW ENGLAND COLONIES.

BURGOYNE STARTED OUT FROM CANADA WITH 4,000 BRITISH REGULARS, 3,000 GERMANS, & 1,000 CANADIANS & INDIANS.

THE AMERICAN NORTHERN ARMY WAS LED BY GENERAL **HORATIO GATES**, WHO HAD BEEN PROMOTED FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

BENEDICT ARNOLD, WHO HAD BEEN PASSED OVER FOR THE COMMAND, PERFORMED WITH GREAT DISTINCTION DURING THE CAMPAIGN.

A BRITISH RELIEF FORCE FROM THE WEST WAS BLUFFED INTO RETREAT BY ARNOLD'S FALSE RUMORS OF HIS OWN STRENGTH.

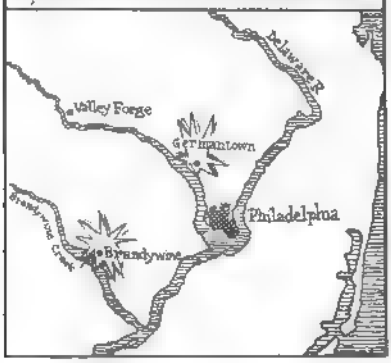
AT THE FIRST BATTLE OF **FREEMANS FARM**, ARNOLD'S BRAVERY CARRIED THE DAY, BUT HE WAS DISMISSED BY GATES.

AT THE **SECOND** BATTLE OF FREEMAN'S FARM, ARNOLD RETURNED WITHOUT PERMISSION AND LED THE PATRIOTS TO A STUNNING VICTORY.

THIS LOSS CAUSED BURGOYNE TO SURRENDER HIS NEARLY 6,000 MEN, AN EVENT MANY CALL THE **WAR'S TURNING POINT**.

ARNOLD, RE-WOUNDED AND IGNORED, DID NOT RETURN TO THE WAR FOR TWO YEARS, AND THEN ON THE **OTHER SIDE**.

MEANWHILE, TO THE SOUTH, GENERAL WILLIAM HOWE CAPTURED **PHILADELPHIA** AFTER DEFEATING WASHINGTON AT **BRANDYWINE CREEK**.



AFTER ONE MORE DISASTEROUS BATTLE AT **GERMANTOWN**, WHERE HOWE WON AGAIN, WASHINGTON RETIRED TO **VALLEY FORGE**.

THE YEAR 1777 ENDED WITH AN EVENT THAT WAS TO PROVE MORE IMPORTANT: **FRANCE** GAVE RECOGNITION TO THE U.S.

IT WAS THE LOW EBB OF AMERICA'S FORTUNES, THAT WINTER OF 1777-78. THE ARMY HAD BEEN DEFEATED AT BRANDYWINE AND GERMANTOWN, AND THE BRITISH HAD RUN CONGRESS OUT OF PHILADELPHIA AND MOVED IN THEMSELVES. TWENTY MILES AWAY, THE AMERICANS DUG IN FOR THE WINTER AT NOTORIOUS

VALLEY FORGE

GEORGE, YOU LOOK PALE! YOUR COMPLEXION IS ALL WASHED OUT! WHY COULDN'T WE ATTACK THE BRITISH AT MIAMI NEXT WINTER?

A TYPICAL GROUP OF MEN SITS SHIVERING IN THEIR CRUDE HOVEL, HAVING A PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION.

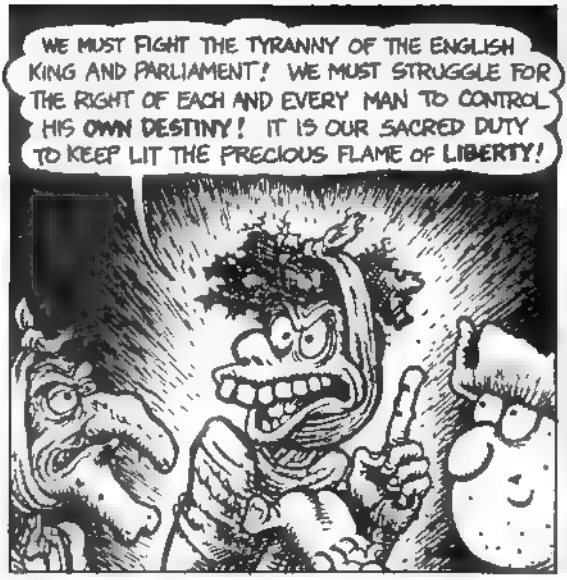
I GAVE UP A PROSPEROUS **SHIPPING BUSINESS** TO BE HERE IN THIS MISERABLE PLACE!

WHAT DID **YOU GUYS** DO BEFORE THE WAR?

OH, WE WERE JUST A PAIR OF **OAFS**.

I HEAR ANOTHER FIFTEEN HUNDRED MEN WENT **OVER THE HILL** THIS WEEK

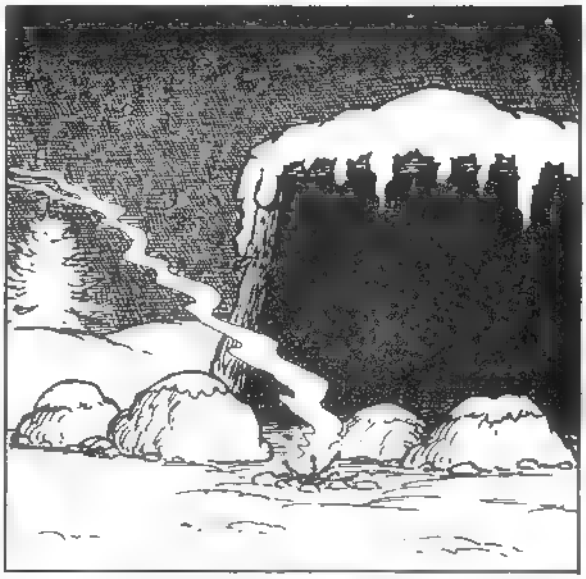
DON'T THEY REALIZE HOW **IMPORTANT** IT IS THAT WE **BE HERE**?!


WE MUST FIGHT THE TYRANNY OF THE ENGLISH KING AND PARLIAMENT! WE MUST STRUGGLE FOR THE RIGHT OF EACH AND EVERY MAN TO CONTROL HIS OWN DESTINY! IT IS OUR SACRED DUTY TO KEEP LIT THE PRECIOUS FLAME OF LIBERTY!

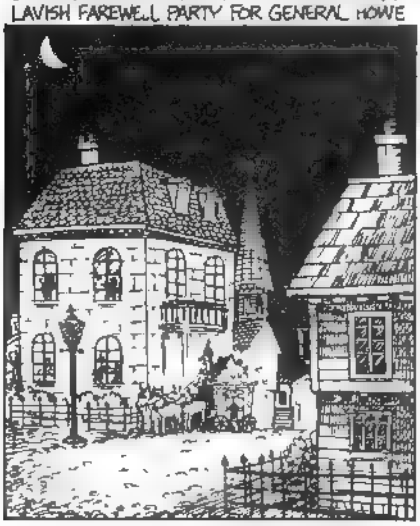
WELL PUT, NEHEMIAH MY BOY!
HUZZA! HUZZA!

WELL, I HAVE TO GO TAKE A LEAK...
(YAWN!)

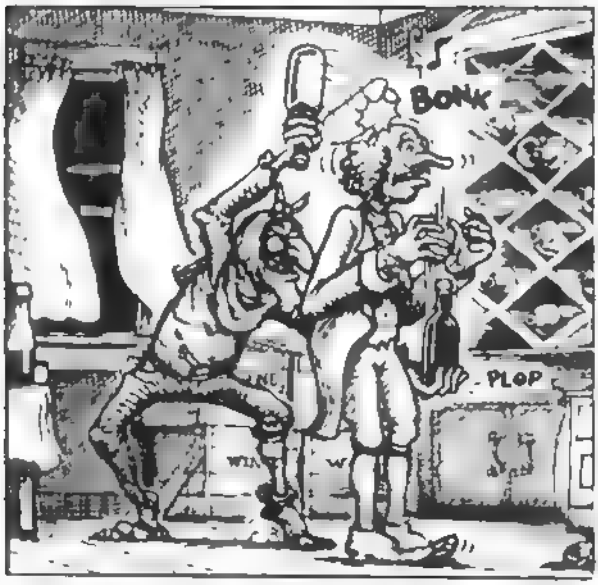
ER . I THINK I'LL GO WASH MY RAGS OUT!



TWENTY MILES AWAY IN **PHILADELPHIA**, THE BRITISH SYMPATHIZERS ARE THROWING A LAVISH FAREWELL PARTY FOR GENERAL HOWE



HAHAHAHA. BEEN NIPPING AT HIS MAJESTY'S STORES AGAIN, HAVE YOU CHARLES? YOU FOXY OLD DEVIL!
I'LL GET ME A FREE DINNER OUT OF THIS, OR MY NAME AIN'T EBENEEZER!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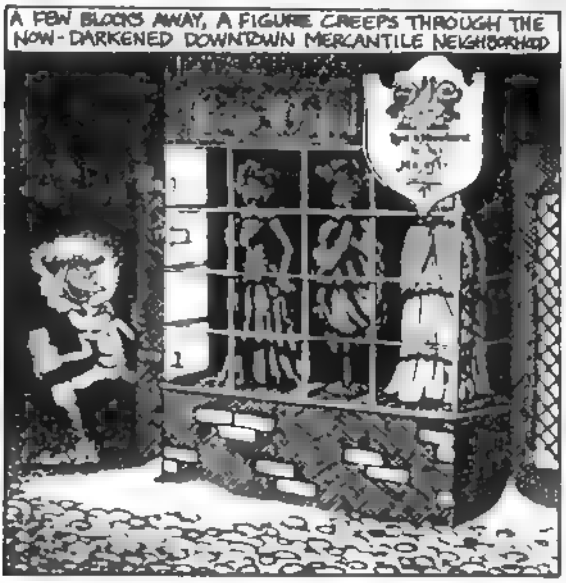
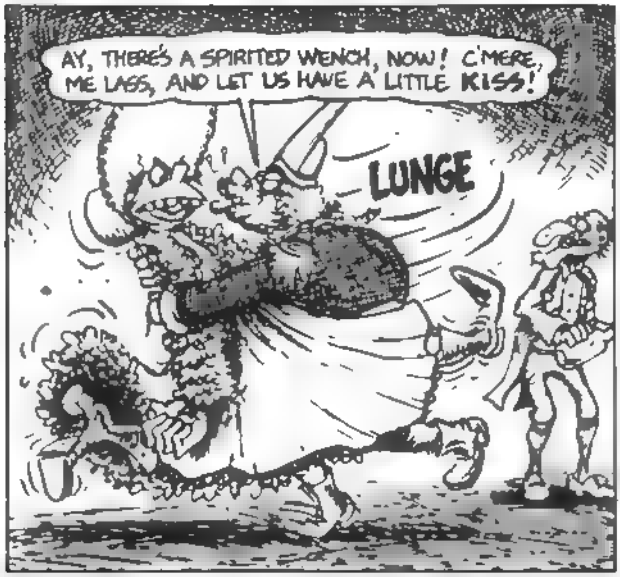

A FEW BLOCKS AWAY, A FIGURE CREEPS THROUGH THE NOW-DARKENED DOWNTOWN MERCANTILE NEIGHBORHOOD

AS HE RUNS BY, NEHEMIAH SPOTS EBENEEZER THROUGH THE WINDOWS OF THE TORY MANSION.
!

THAT OLD COOT HAS JOINED UP WITH THE TORIES!
I'LL FIX HIS WAGON!


AY, THERE'S A SPIRITED WENCH, NOW! C'MERE, ME LASS, AND LET US HAVE A LITTLE KISS!
LUNGE

POINK!
EN GARDE REDCOAT!
ZIP

REBEL SPIES!
DONT LET THEM GET AWAY!
AFTER THEM!
CLASH
CLASHITY CLASH TY
CLASH
CLASH
CLASH
SMASH

I'M TELLING YOU, STAY BACK!
CLASHITY CLASH
CLASH CLASH

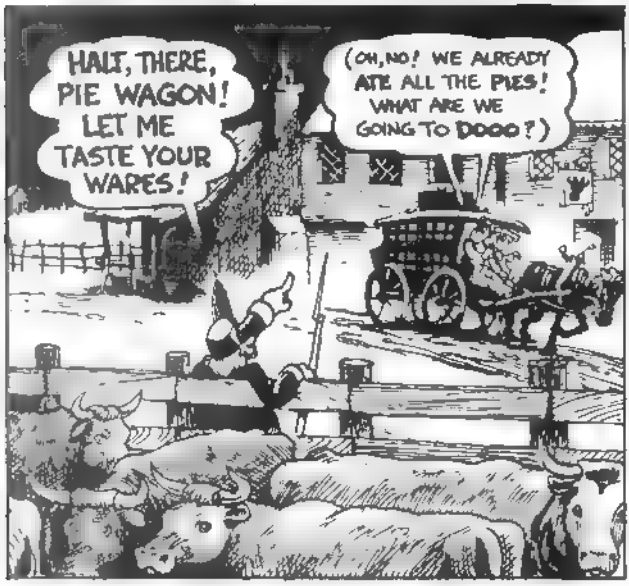
MEANWHILE, UP ON THE HILL, A PIE WAGON IS PASSING BY A GRAVEYARD

PIES! PIES!

THE OAFS HAVE UNKNOWINGLY STUMBLED UPON A DISGUISED PATRIOT ARMS-SMUGGLING CART.
EAT EAT EAT EAT
GHOSTS

(BURP!)
(BELCH!)
HEY LOOK! HERE'S A SECRET COMPARTMENT!
IT'S FULL OF GUNS AND POWDER!
PIES

WELL BE HEROES IF WE CAN TAKE THIS WAGON BACK TO VALLEY FORGE!
YEAH! HEROES!
(EAT EAT EAT)
(GULP SLURP)


HALT, THERE, PIE WAGON! LET ME TASTE YOUR WARES!
(OH, NO! WE ALREADY ATE ALL THE PIES! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DOOO?)

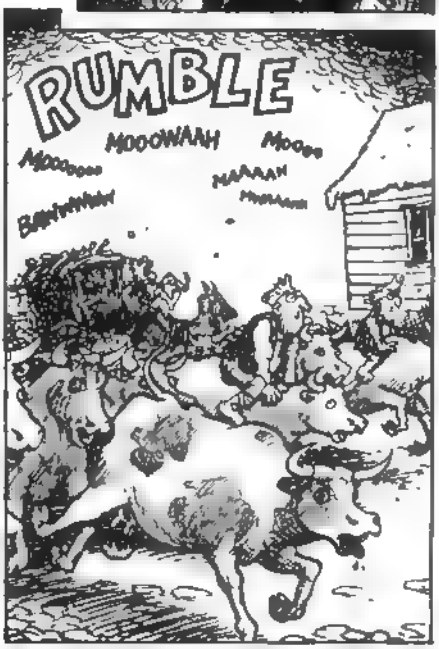
WE WERE ALL OUT, SIRE!
OH, YEAH? LET ME SEE!
YE KING'S STOCKYARD

WHAT'S IN THIS COMPARTMENT HERE? COME, OPEN IT UP!
WHAT COMPARTMENT WHERE?
WE DONT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANY COMPARTMENT!

DONT LOOK IN THAT COMPARTMENT!

FFLUMP!
WE TOLD HIM NOT TO LOOK IN THAT COMPARTMENT

THE FLASH OF THE POWDER PANICS THE HUGE HERD OF FATTENED COWS
MOOWAAH
MINAAH
RUMBLE
MROOOOO
MROOWR
MOOWAAH
GODS TEETH! IT'S A STAMPEDE!

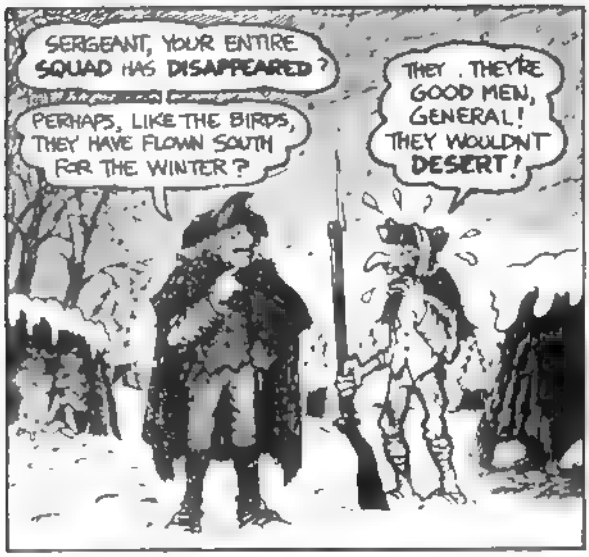

RUMBLE
MOOOWAAH
MOOOO
MOOOOOO
MAAAAH
BUMMMMM

THEY CANT STAY UP IN THAT TREE FOREVER!
LET'S LIGHT A BONFIRE UNDER 'EM! HEH HEH HEH!
HEE HEE

WHAT'S THAT STRANGE NOISE?
IT SOUNDS LIKE AN ENDLESS, DISTANT ROLL OF THUNDER!

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

MOOWAH!


SERGEANT, YOUR ENTIRE SQUAD HAS DISAPPEARED?
PERHAPS, LIKE THE BIRDS, THEY HAVE FLOWN SOUTH FOR THE WINTER?
THEY . THEY'RE GOOD MEN, GENERAL! THEY WOULDN'T DESERT!

SEE? HERE THEY COME NOW, AND THEY'RE RIDING ON A HERD OF..
COWS ??!!
FOOD! FOOD!
RUMBLE RUMBLE

EAT!
EAT!
BITE
GRIND
TEAR!
SLOBBER
CHEW
GEORGE, THOSE MEN OF YOURS HAVE SUCH HORRIBLE TABLE MANNERS! YOU REALLY OUGHT TO DO SOME THING ABOUT IT!

ER UM (AHEM) WELL, YES LOYALTY HAS ITS PLACE IN THE SCHEME OF THINGS BUT THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS, IF THE CAUSE IS JUST!
OUCH! THIS MEDAL OF HONOR IS ICE COLD!

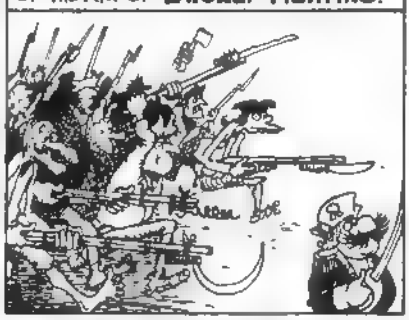
FOREIGN AID and REVOLUTION

WHILE THE BRITISH RELIED HEAVILY ON THE USE OF PAID MERCENARY TROOPS, THE AMERICANS RECEIVED HELP FROM A SMALL HANDFUL OF EUROPEAN VOLUNTEER OFFICERS AND, LATER, SOME SOLDIERS.

FROM **GERMANY** CAME THE 47-YEAR-OLD **BARON VON STEUBEN**, PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF MAJOR-GENERAL BY WASHINGTON.

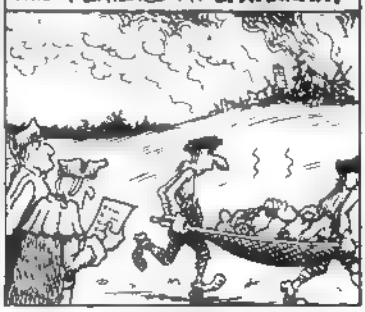
ALTHOUGH VON STEUBEN COULD SPEAK NO ENGLISH, HE SUCCEEDED IN TEACHING CLOSE-ORDER DRILL TO WASHINGTONS MEN.

VON STEUBEN'S GREATEST CONTRIBUTION WAS THE INTRODUCTION TO THE AMERICANS OF THE ART OF **BAYONET FIGHTING.**



A 20-YEAR-OLD **POLISH** ARMY OFFICER, **TADEUSZ KOSCIUSZKO**, WAS EMPLOYED BY THE AMERICANS TO DESIGN FORTS.

ALSO FROM POLAND WAS **CASIMIR PULASKI**, A CAVALRY COMMANDER WHO PERISHED AT **SAVANNAH.**



THE **COMTE DE ROCHAMBEAU** COMMANDED FOUR **FRENCH** REGIMENTS SENT BY LOUIS XVI TO AID THE AMERICANS IN 1780.

THE MOST FLAMBOYANT OF ALL WAS A YOUNG, IDEALISTIC FRENCH NOBLEMAN, THE **MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE**, WHO CAME IN 1777.

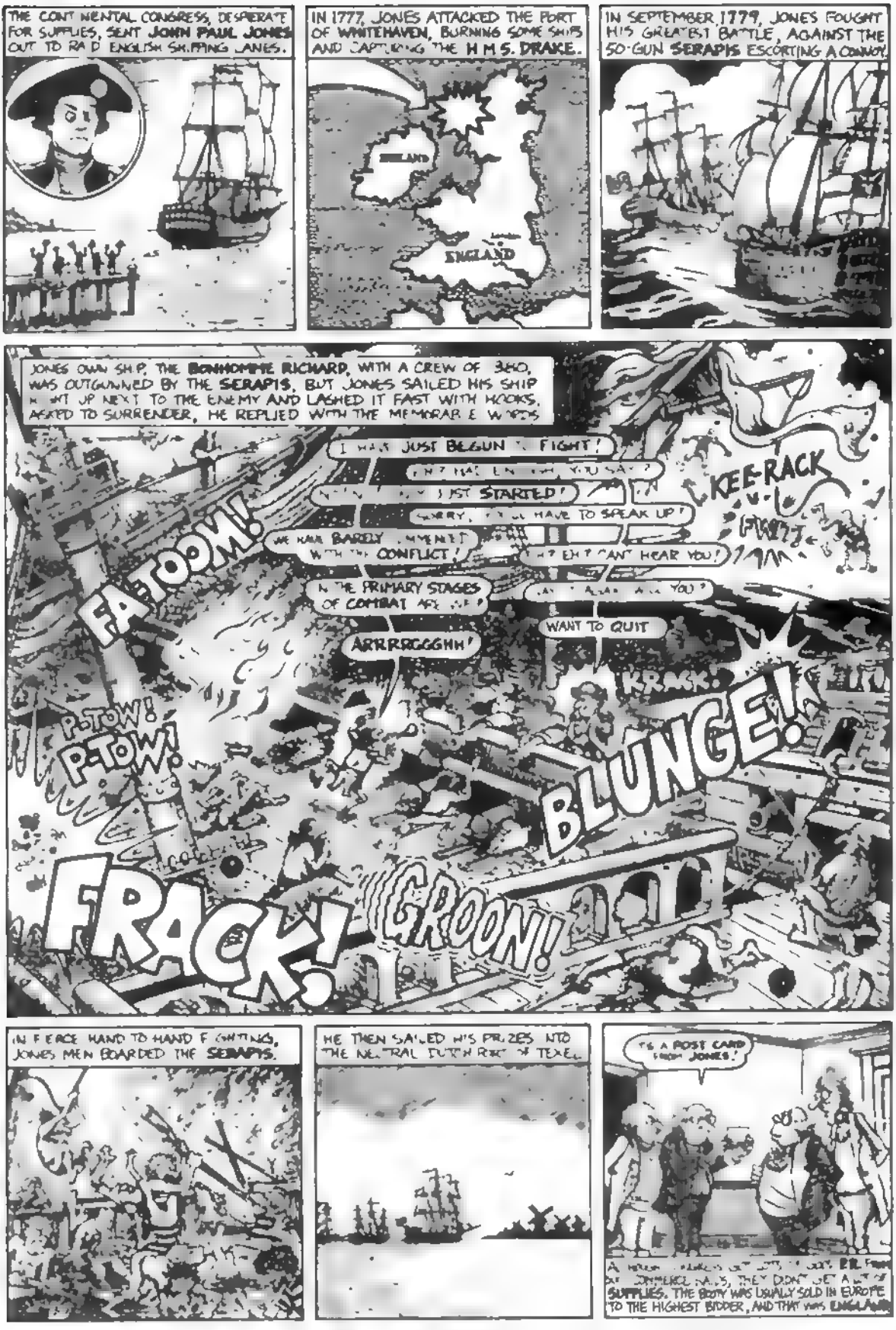
WHEN LAFAYETTE PRESENTED HIMSELF TO CONGRESS, IT WAS AT FIRST RELUCTANT TO APPOINT A 19-YEAR-OLD A MAJOR-GENERAL.

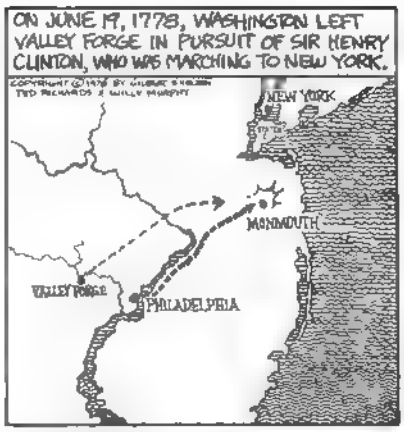
CONGRESS SOON CAME AROUND WHEN IT HEARD OF LAFAYETTE'S SHIPLOAD OF **SUPPLIES** AND LARGE AMOUNTS OF **MONEY**

HE WAS SOON GIVEN HIS OWN TROOPS TO COMMAND, AND HE PROVED HIMSELF A BRAVE AND HIGHLY CAPABLE OFFICER.

AS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION FOR HIS SERVICES TO THE REVOLUTION, LAFAYETTE WAS GIVEN A **GOLD WATCH** BY WASHINGTON.

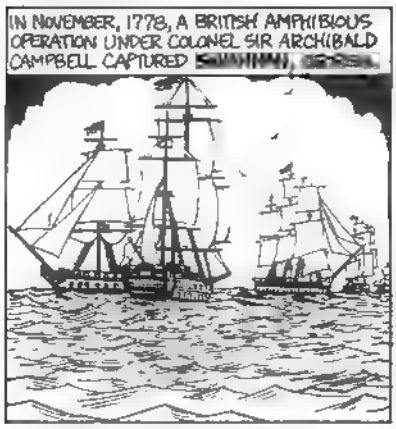
LAFAYETTE RETURNED IN **1824** AS A GUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT AND TOURED THE COUNTRY. HIS WATCH WAS STOLEN IN NASHVILLE.

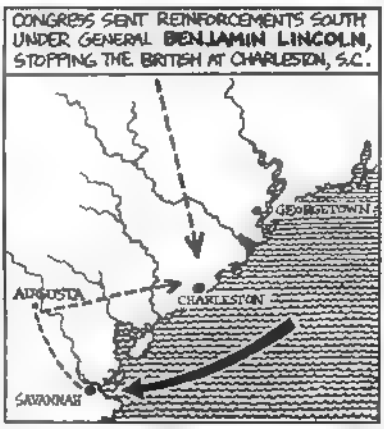

THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, DESPERATE FOR SUPPLIES, SENT JOHN PAUL JONES OUT TO RAID ENGLISH SHIPPING LANES.
IN 1777, JONES ATTACKED THE PORT OF WHITEHAVEN, BURNING SOME SHIPS AND CAPTURING THE H.M.S. DRAKE.
ENGLAND
IN SEPTEMBER, 1779, JONES FOUGHT HIS GREATEST BATTLE, AGAINST THE 50-GUN SERAPIS ESCORTING A CONVOY.
JONES OWN SHIP, THE BONHOMME RICHARD, WITH A CREW OF 380, WAS OUTGUNNED BY THE SERAPIS, BUT JONES SAILED HIS SHIP RIGHT UP NEXT TO THE ENEMY AND LASHED IT FAST WITH HOOKS. ASKED TO SURRENDER, HE REPLIED WITH THE MEMORABLE WORDS
I HAVE JUST BEGUN TO FIGHT!
I JUST STARTED!
SORRY, YOU HAVE TO SPEAK UP!
WE HAVE BARELY COMMENCED WITH THE CONFLICT!
I CAN'T HEAR YOU!
IN THE PRIMARY STAGES OF COMBAT ARE WE?
WANT TO QUIT
ARRRRGGHH!
KEE-RACK
FA-OOM!
P-TOW!
P-TOW!
KRACK!
BLUNGE!
FRACK!
GROON!
IN FIERCE HAND TO HAND FIGHTING, JONES MEN BOARDED THE SERAPIS.
HE THEN SAILED HIS PRIZES INTO THE NEUTRAL DUTCH PORT OF TEXEL.
IT'S A POST CARD FROM JONES!
SUPPLIES. THE BOOTY WAS USUALLY SOLD IN EUROPE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, AND THAT WAS ENGLAND


ON JUNE 19, 1778, WASHINGTON LEFT VALLEY FORGE IN PURSUIT OF SIR HENRY CLINTON, WHO WAS MARCHING TO NEW YORK.
NEW YORK
MONMOUTH
VALLEY FORGE
PHILADELPHIA

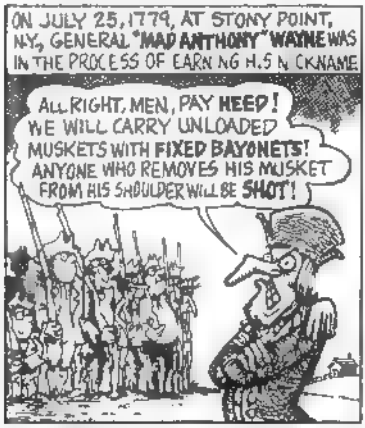
THE AMERICANS ATTACKED AT MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY. PARTICIPATING IN THE FIERCE FIGHT WAS MOLLY PITCHER.

AFTER THE INDECISIVE BATTLE, WASHINGTON COURT-MARTIALED GENERAL CHARLES LEE, WHO HAD FAILED TO OBEY ORDERS TO ATTACK.


IN NOVEMBER, 1778, A BRITISH AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION UNDER COLONEL SIR ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL CAPTURED [redacted]


CONGRESS SENT REINFORCEMENTS SOUTH UNDER GENERAL BENJAMIN LINCOLN, STOPPING THE BRITISH AT CHARLESTON, S.C.
GEORGETOWN
AUGUSTA
CHARLESTON
SAVANNAH

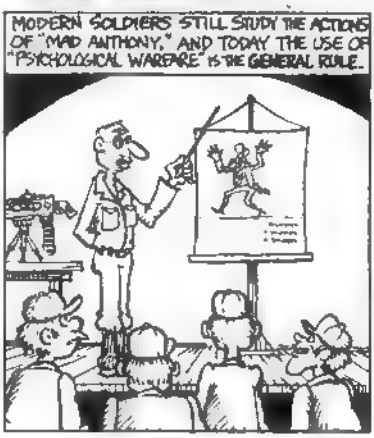
THE AMERICANS, WITH HELP FROM THE FRENCH NAVY, TRIED TO RECAPTURE SAVANNAH, WITH DISASTROUS RESULTS.

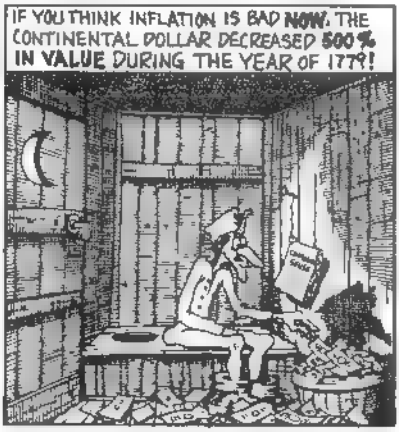

ON JULY 25, 1779, AT STONY POINT, N.Y., GENERAL "MAD ANTHONY" WAYNE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF EARNING HIS NICKNAME.
ALL RIGHT, MEN, PAY HEED! WE WILL CARRY UNLOADED MUSKETS WITH FIXED BAYONETS! ANYONE WHO REMOVES HIS MUSKET FROM HIS SHOULDER WILL BE SHOT!

.. ABSOLUTE SILENCE SHALL BE MAINTAINED UNTIL THE ASSAULT. THEN WE SHALL ALL SHOUT TOGETHER, "THE FORT IS OUR OWN!"

... AND DON'T FORGET TO WRITE YOUR NAME ON A WHITE SLIP OF PAPER AND STICK IT IN YOUR HAT BAND!

ACTUALLY, THESE TACTICS WEREN'T AS CRAZY AS THEY APPEAR TO BE. WAYNE'S ATTACK AGAINST SIR HENRY CLINTON SUCCEEDED.


MODERN SOLDIERS STILL STUDY THE ACTIONS OF "MAD ANTHONY," AND TODAY THE USE OF "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE" IS THE GENERAL RULE.

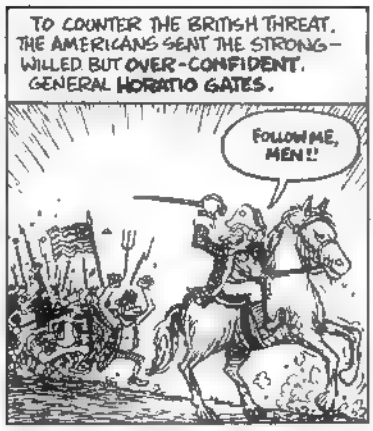

IF YOU THINK INFLATION IS BAD NOW, THE CONTINENTAL DOLLAR DECREASED 500% IN VALUE DURING THE YEAR OF 1779!

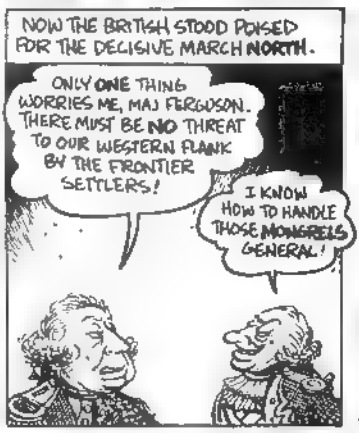
AFTER SIR HENRY CLINTON HAD EVACUATED PHILADELPHIA IN JUNE, 1778, COMMAND OF THE CITY WAS LEFT TO BENEDICT ARNOLD.
ARNOLD WAS STILL HACKED OFF FROM LACK OF RECOGNITION FOR HIS VICTORIES AT THE BATTLES OF FREEMANS FARM
IN PHILADELPHIA, HE AND HIS TORY WIFE LIVED HIGH OFF THE HOG, AND THEY BECAME HATED BY THE CITIZENS.
CALLED IN FOR A MILD REBUKE BY GEORGE WASHINGTON, HE MADE UP HIS MIND TO GO OVER TO THE ENEMY.
HE ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED COMMAND OF WEST POINT, N.Y., WHICH DEFENDED THE IMPORTANT UPPER HUDSON RIVER
HUDSON RIVER
(A 1,200 FOOT LONG, 60 TON CHAIN HAD BEEN STRETCHED ACROSS THE RIVER TO BLOCK BRITISH WARSHIPS.)
FOR A YEAR HE CARRIED ON SECRET CORRESPONDENCE WITH HENRY CLINTON, DICKERING OVER THE PRICE OF BETRAYAL.
ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1780, CLINTON SENT MAJOR JOHN ANDRÉ UP THE HUDSON WITH STRICT ORDERS NOT TO LEAVE HIS SHIP.
DISOBEYING, HE WENT ASHORE AND MET WITH ARNOLD IN THE WOODS, WHERE THEY TALKED UNTIL DAWN
THERE'S MORE WHERE THIS AME FROM!
IF YOU WAN WEST POINT THAT BAD, I THINK IT CAN BE ARRANGED!
MEANWHILE, HIS SHIP HAD BEEN FORCED TO FLEE. ARNOLD GAVE HIM CLOTHES AND A FAKE I.D. SO HE COULD RIDE BACK TO N.Y.
ANDRE WAS STOPPED AND SEARCHED ON THE WAY, AND INCRIMINATING DOCUMENTS WERE DISCOVERED INSIDE HIS STOCKINGS.
ALTHOUGH THE PAPERS SHOWED ARNOLD'S INVOLVEMENT, HE WAS INFORMED OF ANDRE'S ARREST.
BLAB
BLAB
BLAB
BLAB
ARNOLD FLED TO NEW YORK, WHERE HE WAS AWARDED A BRITISH COLONELCY AND £6,315. THE UNFORTUNATE ANDRÉ WAS HANGED IN HIS STEAD.

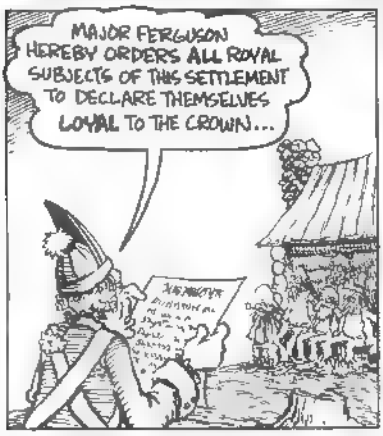
The CAROLINA CAMPAIGN

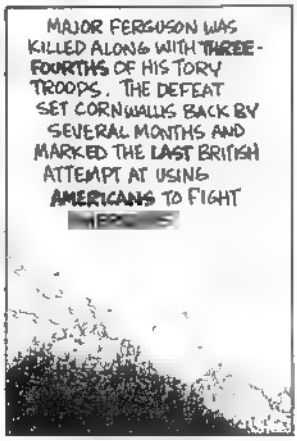
PART I

IN JUNE, 1780, AFTER THE FALL OF CHARLSTON, GENERAL CORNWALLIS LAUNCHED THE FINAL PHASE OF A BRITISH CAMPAIGN TO CAPTURE THE SOUTH.









THE CAROLINA CAMPAIGN

PART II

"WE FIGHT, GET BEAT, RISE, AND FIGHT AGAIN"

GENERAL NATHANIAL GREENE

ON DEC 2, 1780, GENERAL NATHANIEL GREENE RELIEVED THE HUMILIATED GENERAL GATES AT CHARLOTTE, N.C. AND TOOK COMMAND OF HIS SHATTERED ARMY.

GREENE **IMMEDIATELY** WENT TO WORK ON THE BRITISH AND SOON DEVISED A **BOLD** AND **INGENIOUS** PLAN.

A'RIGHT. WE'RE **SPLITTING** OUR FORCES IN **TWO**. I'LL COMMAND THE FIRST, AND **GENERAL MORGAN**, YOU HEAD **WEST** WITH THE **SECOND**.

CORNWALLIS TOOK THE BAIT, SPLIT HIS FORCE AND SENT THE RABID LT. COL **BANASTRE TARLTON** WEST

WE'LL CATCH THAT TARLTON UP BY THE **COWPENS** FIELD NEAR KING'S MOUNTAIN.

DAN MORGAN HAD HIS CONTINENTALS FORM A LINE, FIRE A FEW VOLLEYS, THEN **RETREAT**, AND FIRE AGAIN. TARLTON WAS LURED INTO A [redacted] **FIRE** THAT VIRTUALLY **WIPED OUT** HIS ENTIRE FORCE.

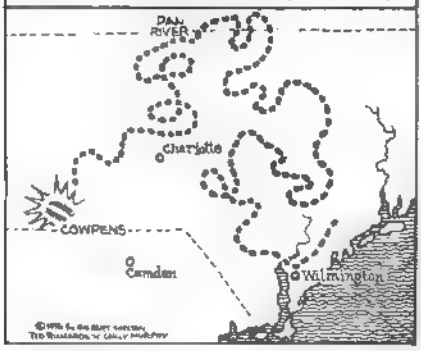
CORNWALLIS WAS IN A **RAGE**. AND AFTER STRIPPING HIS ARMY DOWN TO THE BARE ESSENTIALS, WENT **TEARING** AFTER THE WILY OLD "**WAGONEER**"

TH BRITISH ARE **NOT** BUT A **FEW MILES** BEHIND, GEN MORGAN!!

GOOD! LET'S **SLOW DOWN** AND **TEASE 'EM** A LITTLE

NYAHAH HAH HAH

OLD GENERAL DAN LED CORNWALLIS ON AN EXHAUSTING CHASE THROUGH THE **WIDTH** AND **BREADTH** OF NORTH CAROLINA.



CORNWALLIS FINALLY QUIT IN DISGUST AND RETIRED TO WINTER QUARTERS IN HILLSBORO, N.C.

NOW GENERAL GREENE CALLED OUT HIS TWO SMALL GUERRILLA FORCES, ONE LED BY **LIGHTHORSE HARRY LEE**...

...AND A SMALLER FORCE, LED BY COL **FRANCIS MARION**, KNOWN TO THE BRITISH AS THE **SWAMP FOX**.

WE'LL LOOKY OVER YONDER. IF IT AIN'T A NICE LITTLE BUNCH OF **TORIES**

YER. LET'S GIVE 'EM A **ROYAL** WELCOME HAW HAW HAW

THE TWO ROVING BANDS NEVER GAVE THE BRITISH A **MOMENT'S PEACE**, ALWAYS SHOWING UP WHEN **LEAST** EXPECTED

OH NO! IT'S TH' **SWAMP FOX!!**

NO! IT'S **LIGHTHORSE HARRY LEE!!**

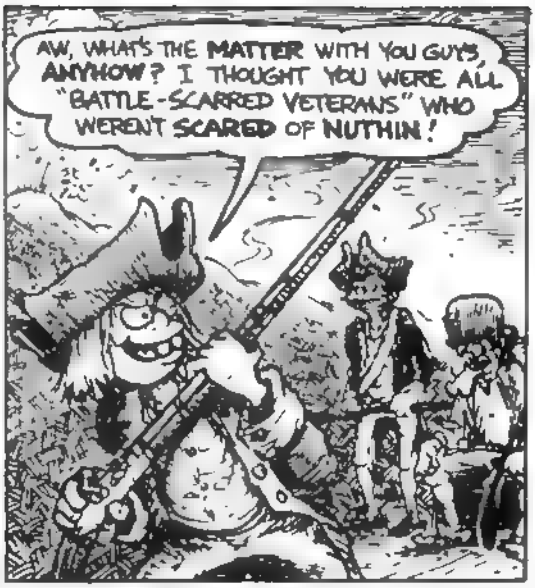
SEVERAL MORE BATTLES WERE FOUGHT THROUGHOUT THE SPRING AND SUMMER OF 1780, EACH WITH THE SAME RESULT. GREENE WOULD INFLICT HEAVY CASUALTIES, WITHDRAW AND LEAVE THE FIELD TO THE BRITISH WHILE MAINTAINING HIS ARMY. AND ALTHOUGH HE NEVER WON A BATTLE, HE WON THE CAMPAIGN BY FRUSTRATING THE BRITISH PLAN TO CONTROL THE SOUTH.

THE SPIRIT OF REVOLUTION

SEVEN YEARS HAVE NOW PASSED SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. THE CONTINENTAL ARMY STANDS POISED FOR THE FINAL ATTACK ON THE BRITISH ARMY TRAPPED IN **YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA,** IN OCTOBER, 1781.

STANDING IN THE RANKS ON THIS PORTENTOUS DAY IN HISTORY IS YOUNG **CADWALLADER BIDDLE,** WHO SEVEN YEARS AGO WAS TOO YOUNG TO ENLIST. NOW HE IS SIXTEEN AND **READY** TO **FIGHT.**

WELL, I HOPE THEY FIGHT, 'CAUSE I WANNA SHOOT ME AT LEAST ONE REDCOAT 'FORE IT'S OVER!
THAT JUST SHOWS YOU DON'T KNOW NOTHIN' ABOUT SOLDIERIN', BOY!


AW, WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU GUYS, ANYHOW? I THOUGHT YOU WERE ALL "BATTLE-SCARRED VETERANS" WHO WEREN'T SCARED OF NUTHIN!

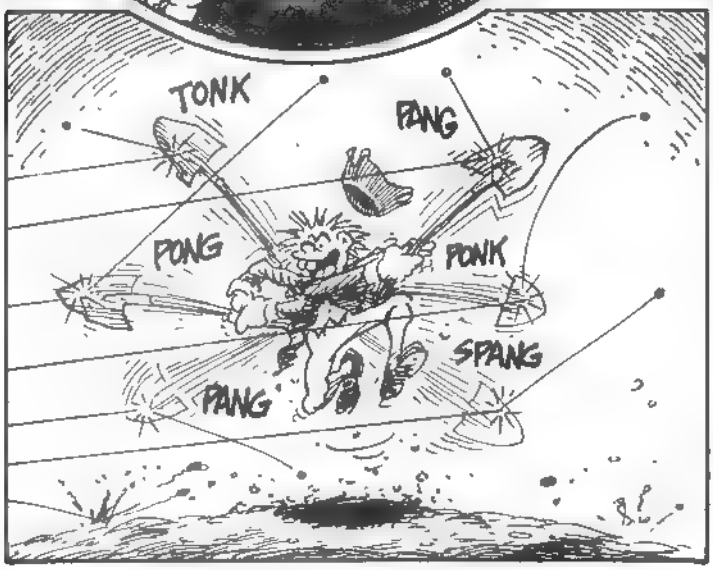
CADWALLADER, LET ME MAKE SOMETHING UNDERSTOOD TO YOU RIGHT NOW! YOU'RE ONLY A BOY, BUT I'M GOING TO TELL YOU SOMETHING THAT EVERY MAN IN WAR COMES TO KNOW.

EVEN THE BRAVEST, STRONGEST, MIGHTIEST SOLDIERS OF US ALL ARE SCARED OF DYIN' IN TH' LAST BATTLE.

WELL, I'M NOT SCARED AND I'M GONNA PROVE IT!
POOM

C'MON, YE COWARDLY SLAVES OF THE PIGLIKE KING! DO YE HEAR ME?
CADWALLADER! GET DOWN!
YOU'LL GET YOUR FOOL HEAD BLOWN PLUMB OFF!

WE 'EAR YOU, H'ALL ROYGHT! KEEP H'UP THE CONVERSOYTION 'TIL OY CAN TAYKE H'AIM!
HA HA! YOU MISSED! TRY AGAIN!
POOM
PANG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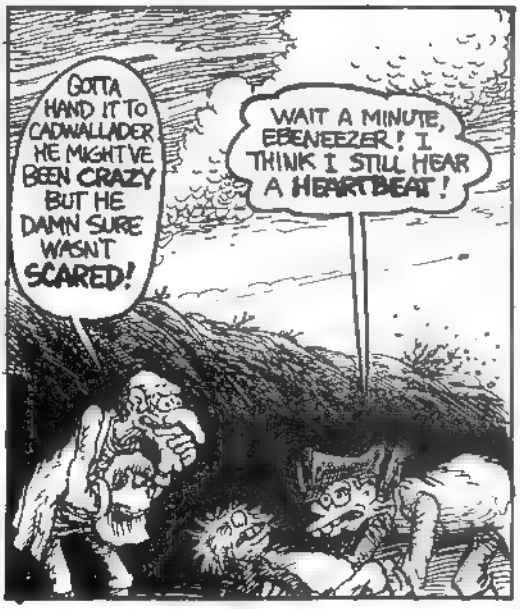
YOU REDCOATS ARE BLIND! HA HA! BLIND!

THUK
FROOMP!


GOTTA HAND IT TO CADWALLADER HE MIGHT'VE BEEN CRAZY BUT HE DAMN SURE WASN'T SCARED!
WAIT A MINUTE, EBENEEZER! I THINK I STILL HEAR A HEARTBEAT!

DOCTOR! DOCTOR! LITTLE CADWALLADER GOT HIT IN THE HEAD WITH A BIG CANNONBALL!

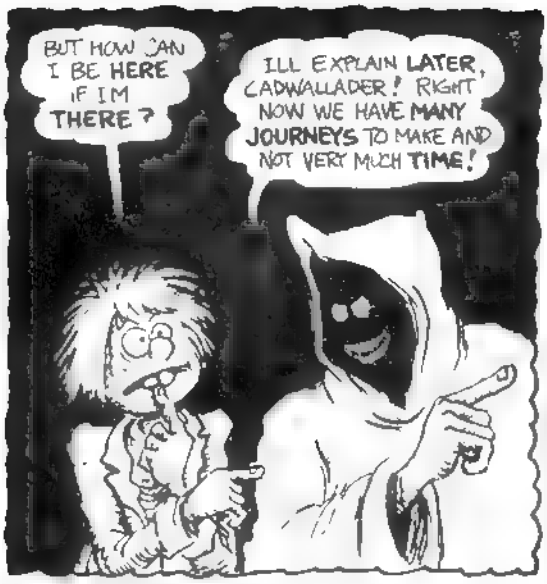
'BOUT ALL I CAN DO IS BLEED HIM A LITTLE AND SEE IF THAT HELPS!

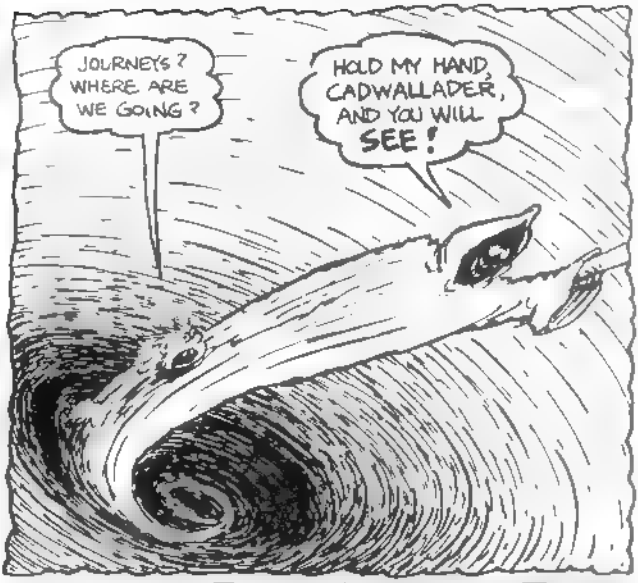
ALTHOUGH CADWALLADER'S BODY LAY IN THE ARMY FIELD HOSPITAL, HIS MIND WAS FAR AWAY IN ANOTHER WORLD...

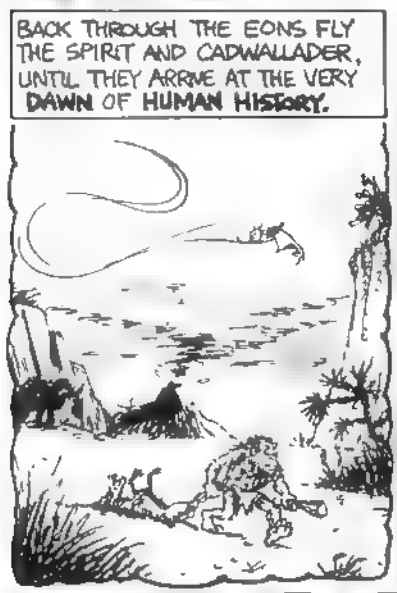
CADWALLADER !!!!
CADWALLADER BIDDLE !!!!
HOW... HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME? WHO ARE YOU?

DON'T BE FRIGHTENED, MY LAD! IT'S ONLY ME, YOUR FRIEND THE SPIRIT OF REVOLUTION!
BUT... MY HEAD! I WAS JUST SHOT! AM I DEAD?

NO, YOU'RE ONLY "UNCONSCIOUS!" SEE, THERE YOU LIE PEACEFULLY WHILE YOUR WOUND HEALS!


BUT HOW CAN I BE HERE IF I'M THERE?
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER, CADWALLADER! RIGHT NOW WE HAVE MANY JOURNEYS TO MAKE AND NOT VERY MUCH TIME!


JOURNEYS? WHERE ARE WE GOING?
HOLD MY HAND, CADWALLADER, AND YOU WILL SEE!


BACK THROUGH THE EONS FLY THE SPIRIT AND CADWALLADER, UNTIL THEY ARRIVE AT THE VERY DAWN OF HUMAN HISTORY.

MUGGA BOOGU!
GROWMF JUGGA JOOGA BAGGA PTOOI!
BOO GOO.
WHAT ARE THEY SAYING, SPIRIT?
SHHH! LISTEN CLOSELY AND YOU'LL UNDERSTAND!

WHY WE GO HUNT, KILL MEAT, THEN GIVE TO YOU?
WE OWN CAMP! YOU HUNT FOR US! YOU GOOD, WE GIVE YOU MEAT!

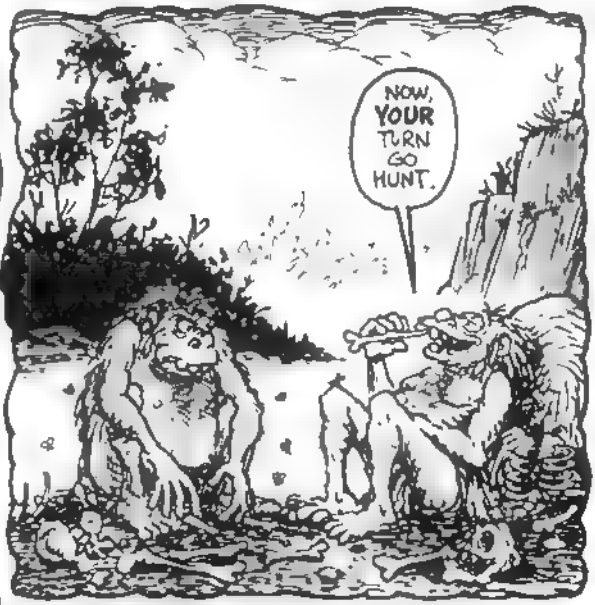
YOU GIVE US BAD MEAT AND YOU TAKE GOOD MEAT!
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU HUNT FOR US A LONG TIME, MAYBE YOU GET PIECE OF GOOD MEAT!

WHAT'RE THEY DOING NOW, SPIRIT?
LISTEN! THEY'RE PLANNING A REVOLUTION!
BUBBUH MANGA JUBBUH!
SNURK!

WE NO HUNT FOR THEM NO MORE!
AHHH!
AHHH!
WE WANT MEAT NOW!

WE FEED CAMP, CAMP BELONG TO US!
WE TAKE CAMP FROM OLD ONES!
AHHH!
AHHH!

SMUNCH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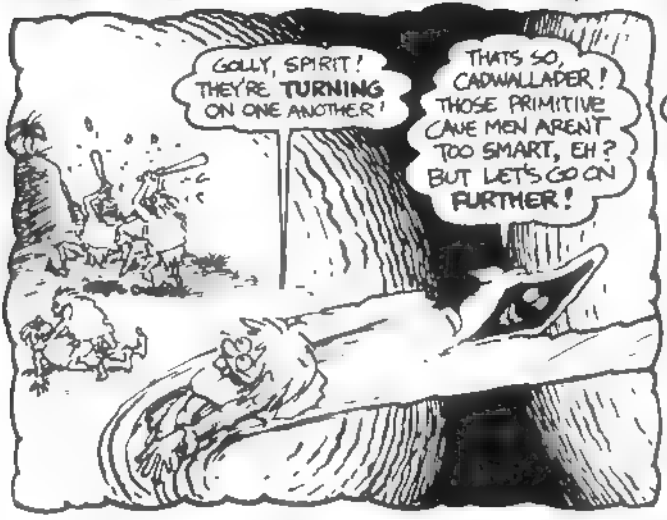
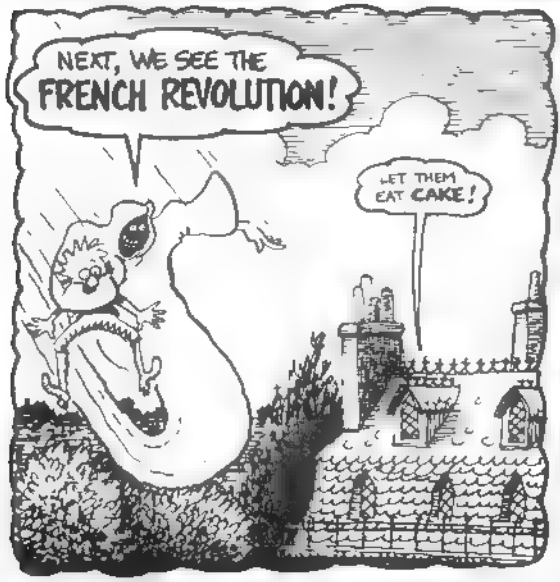

GOLLY, SPIRIT! THEY'RE TURNING ON ONE ANOTHER!
THATS SO, CADWALLADER! THOSE PRIMITIVE CAVE MEN AREN'T TOO SMART, EH? BUT LET'S GO ON FURTHER!

HERE'S A NICE ONE: THE "GLORIOUS REVOLUTION OF 1688" IN ENGLAND! THAT'S THE ONE THAT TOOK ABSOLUTE POWER AWAY FROM THE KING AND GAVE THE WORLD PARLIAMENTARY RULE WITH FREE ELECTIONS AND JURY TRIALS!
GOSH!

NOT MANY CASUALTIES IN THIS ONE — A FEW WENT TO THE BLOCK, LIKE THE DUKE OF MONMOUTH HERE!
I THINK I HEARD OF HIM!

THE FUNNY PART IS, WHEN IRELAND TRIED TO INTERVENE (WITH THE AID OF FRANCE) AND UNDO THIS REVOLUTION, THEY FELL UNDER AN EVEN GREATER RETALIATORY TYRANNY WHICH WAS TO LAST HUNDREDS OF YEARS!
(NEH HEH) LET US PROCEED, CADWALLADER!

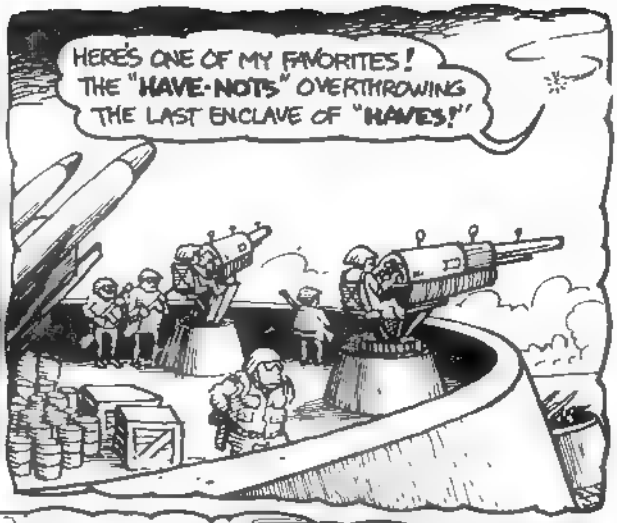

NEXT, WE SEE THE FRENCH REVOLUTION!
LET THEM EAT CAKE!

THIS ONE'S A CLASSIC! FIRST, THEY BEHEADED THE KING AND QUEEN, AND TURNED THE GOVERNMENT COMPLETELY OVER TO THE PEOPLE!

THEN THE NEW RULERS STARTED GUILLOTINING EACH OTHER LEFT AND RIGHT, AND IN SIX MONTHS THERE WASN'T A SINGLE "OLD FACE" LEFT IN GOVERNMENT!
PARDON MY PUNS, HA HA HA!

GEE, I NEVER HEARD OF THAT ONE!
THAT'S BECAUSE IT HASN'T HAPPENED YET, CADWALLADER! IT COMES UP IN 1789!
THEY USED YOUR REVOLUTION FOR INSPIRATION, BY THE WAY!
CHOP CHOP CHOP

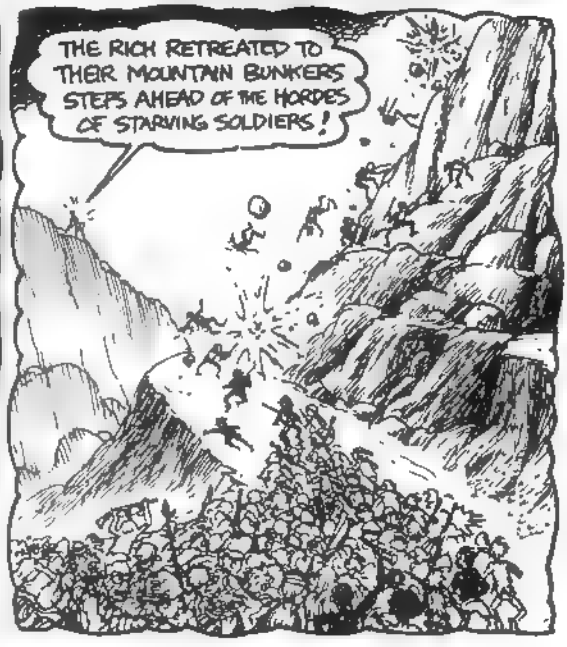
HOW CAN I SEE SOMETHING THAT HASN'T HAPPENED YET??
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING YET, CADWALLADER!
FURTHER WE GO!


HERE'S ONE OF MY FAVORITES! THE "HAVE-NOTS" OVERTHROWING THE LAST ENCLAVE OF "HAVES!"

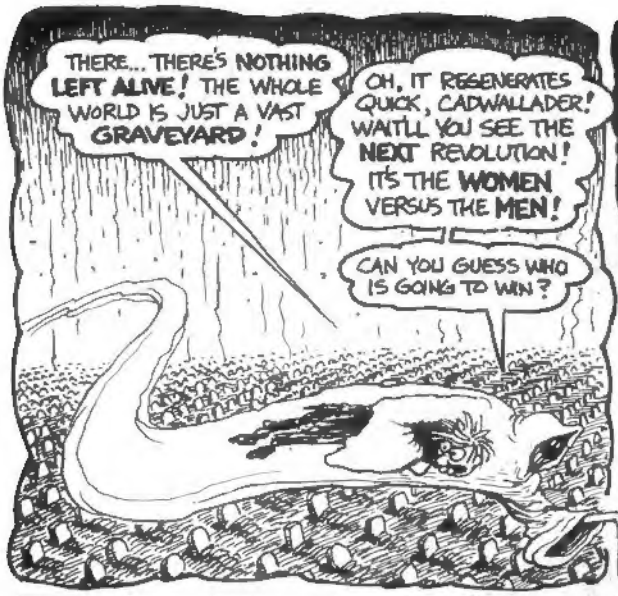
THE WEALTHY "HAVES", VASTLY OUTNUMBERED, HAVE RETREATED WITH THEIR WEAPONS AND FOOD STORES TO A SMALL, MOUNTAINOUS ISLAND FAR IN THE NORTHERN OCEAN!

THE "HAVE-NOTS," DRIVEN BY A WORLDWIDE FAMINE, MOUNT A UNIFIED ASSAULT ON THE ROCKY SHORES OF THE ISLAND IN A FRENZIED GRAB FOR THE SMALL FOOD HOARD!
SOT

THE ARMIES OF THE POOR ACHIEVED A BEACHHEAD DESPITE TREMENDOUS LOSSES!


THE RICH RETREATED TO THEIR MOUNTAIN BUNKERS STEPS AHEAD OF THE HORDES OF STARVING SOLDIERS!

THE DOOMED "HAVES" SET OFF ALL OF THEIR WEAPONS AND RELEASED CLOUDS OF DEADLY GASES! DESTRUCTION BLANKETED THE EARTH! THERE WERE VERY FEW SURVIVORS!
HA HA HA! KIND OF HARD ON THE RETINAS HUH KID?

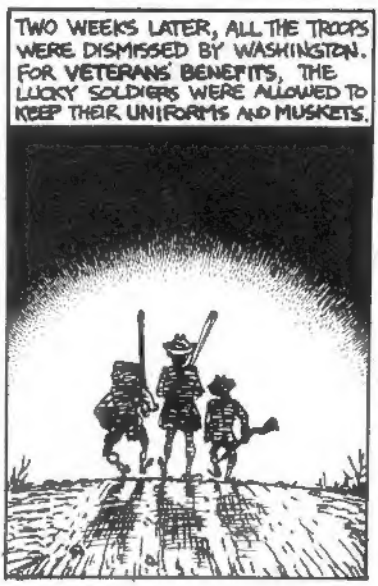

THERE... THERE'S NOTHING LEFT ALIVE! THE WHOLE WORLD IS JUST A VAST GRAVEYARD!
OH, IT REGENERATES QUICK, CADWALLADER! WAITLL YOU SEE THE NEXT REVOLUTION! IT'S THE WOMEN VERSUS THE MEN!
CAN YOU GUESS WHO IS GOING TO WIN?

NOW, THE WOMEN HAVE OSTRACIZED THE MEN, SO THERE'S THIS GREAT BIG BUNCH OF DIRTY OLD MEN HOLED UP IN THE MOUNTAINS WITH ALL OF THE WORLD'S WEAPONS!
I CAN'T STAND TO SEE ANY MORE! I'M GOING BACK TO MY BODY!

HE'S COMING AROUND!
STOP THE FIGHTING! WE'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE! NOTHING IS GOING TO BE CHANGED!
HE'S STILL A LITTLE CRAZY IN THE HEAD!

"REVOLUTION" IS A VICIOUS CIRCLE AND AN ILLUSION! WE MUST LAY DOWN OUR ARMS!
IT'S A LITTLE BIT LATE FOR THAT, CADWALLADER!

TOO LATE?
YES! GENERAL CORNWALLIS HAS SURRENDERED! WE'VE ALREADY WON THE WAR!


TWO WEEKS LATER, ALL THE TROOPS WERE DISMISSED BY WASHINGTON. FOR VETERANS' BENEFITS, THE LUCKY SOLDIERS WERE ALLOWED TO KEEP THEIR UNIFORMS AND MUSKETS.

I THOUGHT I HAD A REALLY HOT PROSPECT THERE! I DON'T KNOW HOW I LET HIM GET AWAY!
YOU SHOULDA LET HIM KILL ONE OF THOSE REDCOATS!

The FIGHTS ON the FRONTIER
SETTLERS HAD MOVED INTO THE WEST BEFORE THE REVOLUTION, ALTHOUGH IT WAS PROHIBITED.
THE CUMBERLAND GAP
BRITISH LT. COLONEL HENRY "HAIR BUYER" HAMILTON WAS DEFENDING THE AREA AROUND FORT DETROIT.
IN 1777, GEORGE ROGERS CLARK OUTFITTED A "DEFENSE FORCE" USING MONEY FROM THE VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.
ON THE DAY CLARK AND HIS 200 MEN SET OUT DOWN THE OHIO RIVER, THERE OCCURRED A TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.
IT'S A GOOD OMEN.
CLARK CAPTURED THREE SMALL TOWNS ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER WITHOUT HAVING TO FIRE A SHOT.
FORT DETROIT
VINCENNES
OHIO R.
MISSISSIPPI R.
WHEN HAMILTON CAME DOWN FROM DETROIT AND RECAPTURED VINCENNES, CLARK SHOULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TO RETREAT. INSTEAD, HE ATTACKED.
TO REACH VINCENNES, CLARK AND HIS MEN HAD TO WALK THROUGH 180 MILES OF FLOODED SWAMPLAND IN FREEZING WINTER WEATHER.
THIS DARING MOVE WAS SUCCESSFUL AS CLARK SURPRISED AND CAPTURED THE ENTIRE BRITISH AND INDIAN FORCE.
IN WESTERN NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA, SETTLERS HAD BEEN PLAGUED BY RAIDS FROM TORY GROUPS AND INDIANS ALIKE.
GENERALS JOHN SULLIVAN AND JAMES CLINTON LED EXTENSIVE RETALIATORY RAIDS, BURNING INDIAN TOWNS AND CROPS.
ALTHOUGH THE BRITISH RESISTANCE ENDED IN 1781, THE INDIANS REMAINED LOCKED IN COMBAT WITH THE AMERICANS.
IT'S UP TO YOU CHAPS NOW! WE'RE PULLING OUT!
?
THIS FIERCE AND TRAGIC BATTLE WAS TO CONTINUE FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY AFTERWARDS. BUT THAT IS ANOTHER STORY.
THE END
YAY!
CLAP
CLAP
WHISTLE
CLAP
CLAP

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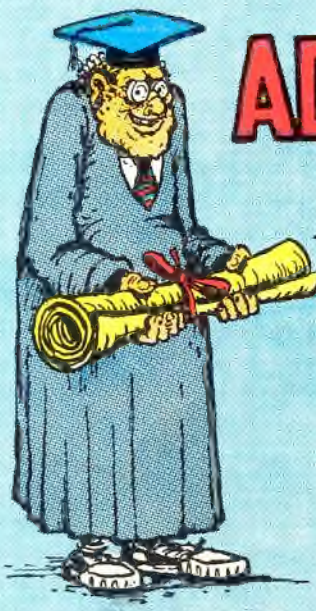

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   A. Paul Revere
   B. George Washington
   C. George the Third
   D. Ebeneezer the lush

2. Who actually authored the phrase "All men are created equal?"
   A. Tom Jefferson C. John Locke
   B. Ben Franklin D. "Jenkins"

3. Name the captured ship that John Paul Jones used after he scuttled the "Bonhomme Richard."
   A. "Lollipop"
   B. "Just Begun to Fight"
   C. "Bonhomme Richard"
   D. "Serapis"

4. What famous woman personned her dead husband's cannon at the Battle of Monmouth?
   A. Molly Pitcher C. Betsy Ross
   B. Dolly Madison D. Martha Washington

5. What was the Marquis de Lafayette's reward for his services in the American Revolution?
   A. A lifetime pension
   B. The state of Louisiana
   C. U.S. citizenship
   D. A gold watch

6. Who continued to wear his Revolutionary uniform until his demise in 1818 at the age of 83? (TODAY A FAMOUS BRAND OF KITCHENWARE BEARS HIS NAME.)
   A. Paul Revere C. Sam Corning
   B. Oliver Tupper D. Tom Woolworth

7. Which American general at the battle of Stony Point ordered his troops to attack with unloaded muskets?
   A. Benedict Arnold
   B. "Rabid" Charles Rooker
   C. Fred "Nutty as a Fruitcake" Foster
   D. "Mad" Anthony Wayne

8. What American city became known as a hotbed of radical revolutionary activity?
   A. New York C. Perth Amboy
   B. Boston D. Berkeley

9. Which future President of the U.S. defended the British soldiers who took part in the Boston Massacre?
   A. James Monroe C. James Madison
   B. John Adams D. Richard Nixon

10. On what day did congress approve the Declaration of Independence?
   A. July 1, 1776 C. July 3, 1776
   B. July 2, 1776 D. July 4, 1776

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